



## STRUCK BY AN ENGINE.

**THOMAS DUNN AND JESSE OSBORN HAVE A CLOSE CALL NEAR THE OLD STONE MILL IN GEORGETOWN.**

### THEIR HORSE INSTANTLY KILLED.

**DUNN UNCONSCIOUS WHEN FOUND BY AN EMPLOYEE OF THE GILBERT & BENNETT COMPANY.**

Passengers on the train, on the Danbury & Norwalk branch of the Consolidated railroad due at South Norwalk at 7:48 were considerably shaken and in some cases badly frightened, by an accident that occurred at a crossing near Georgetown last night.

Later developments proved that the locomotive on the train had struck and killed a horse, wrecked a carriage and injured the two occupants of the latter. The engineer it is asserted did not stop his train until Cannon was reached, when it was found that there was a quantity of horse-hair on the locomotive and that the guard rail of the steps leading to the smoking car had been badly twisted.

The train continued on to South Norwalk, and on the way the conductor advised the engineer of the up freight that his train had struck something at the Georgetown crossing, presumably some animal, and to keep a lookout for same.

Our Wilton representative sends by telephone the following details of the accident:

The train due at Georgetown at 7:21 last night struck a horse and carriage near what is known as the old stone mill.

In the carriage were Thomas Dunn and Jesse Osborn, who were driving from Danbury to visit at the home Willis S. Betts at Cannon.

The engineer did not at the time know that he had struck anything and went through to South Norwalk where he found blood and hair on the locomotive.

Two men in the employ of the Gilbert & Bennett Manufacturing company, and named Wallace Smith and Louis Jammer were on their way home

when their attention was attracted by groans.

Jammer went to his home near by and securing a lantern returned and found two men lying beside the track. One of them who it was later found to be Thomas Dunn was in an unconscious condition.

The other man who proved to be Jesse Osborn was conscious and able to give his own and his companion's name and place of residence, which was Danbury.

The men were removed to Jammer's home, and Dr. H. P. Mansfield summoned. Dunn regained consciousness in about two hours.

Besides other wounds the physician was of the opinion that they had been injured internally. The up train due at Georgetown at 7:05, this morning stopped at the crossing where the accident occurred and both of the unfortunate men were removed from Jammer's house to the train and taken to Danbury and from the station transferred to the hospital in that city.

The horse which the men were driving was hurled to one side of the track and instantly killed.

The carriage and harness were completely wrecked.

Both of the victims of the accident are well known in Danbury, Dunn having at one time been a clerk at the Turner House, and Osborn a clerk in a leading news-store in that city.

When news of the accident reached South Norwalk, the report gained circulation that one of the men was "Tommy" Dunn, formerly of that city, and who some months since removed to Danbury, but such was not the fact.

## FAKED A TRANCE.

**Eben Owens Defied Attempts To Arouse Him for a Long Time.**

**Ammonia, Pinching, and Other Heroic Remedies of the Harlem Hospital Doctors Had No Effect, but the Mention of Hot Iron Finally Caused the Fakir to Admit the Sham.**

Policeman Collins of the New York police found a well-dressed youth apparently unconscious, on the sidewalk at 122d street and Mount Morris Park, West, last night. As he did not seem to be drunk, the policeman called an ambulance from the Harlem hospital. Dr. Charles O'Higgins was on the ambulance. He tried to arouse the man with spirits of ammonia, but without success. He suspected that his patient was shamming, so on the way to the hospital he had recourse to strategy.

"I want you to prepare the ice bath and get the hot irons ready," he said to the driver loud enough for his patient to hear were he conscious.

"To be sure," answered the driver, and the hot needles, too, I suppose?" Talk of this sort, however, had no effect. The man was apparently still in a trance. At the hospital he stood all the tests of drugs and much pinching, and Dr. Higgins began to suspect that he might not be shamming, after all.

"Those hot irons ready?" he called as a last resort, at the same time ordering the patient carried into another room. This was too much for the trance fakir. He came to in a jiffy.

"Hold on there!" he exclaimed, sitting up. "I was in a trance, but I'm over it now."

Upon being rigorously questioned, he admitted that he had been shamming. He said his name was Eben J. Owens of Stamford and that he wanted to get into the hospital to preach the Gospel to the inmates.

In his pockets were a large number of Norwalk and Stamford newspaper clippings, in which his many trances were described at length. One of the stories set forth that he had great power over insane persons, quieting them by singing and whistling. After being soundly rated by Dr. Higgins for his tricks, Owens was put out of the hospital.

## MR. GOODWIN ACCEPTS.

**He and Colonel Osborn to Inspect the Harlem Division.**

At the last annual meeting of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad company Henry L. Goodwin of East Hartford criticised the relations of the main company and its Harlem River branch, now the Harlem division. Judge J. M. Hall, vice-president of the company, thereupon invited Mr. Goodwin to accompany him in his private car over the road so that he might see just what that line is and the business that it does. Mr. Goodwin was somewhat reluctant at first to travel in state, but he has finally accepted the invitation and the trip will be taken on Wednesday, May 4. Colonel N. G. Osborn will make the third in the party.

### "The Five Points."

"The five points of the Methodist doctrine" were fully presented at a meeting held in the Methodist church, last evening. Rev. F. A. Scofield presented each point in such a manner that none present could fail of understanding one and all of them. His remarks were attentively listened to and it was believed would be conducive to much good, more especially to the army of new converts.

### BEST OF ALL.

To cleanse the system in a gentle and truly beneficial manner, when the Springtime comes, use the true and perfect remedy, Syrup of Figs. Buy the genuine. Manufactured by the California Fig Sprup Co. only, and for sale by all druggists, at 50 cents per bottle.

## DE MARCO TRIAL.

**The Stamford Murderer Being Tried For His Life.**

**Jury of Twelve Good Men Chosen Yesterday.**

The trial of Antonio De Marco for the murder of Angostino Parrilli in Stamford on December 15 last, was commenced in the criminal superior court yesterday morning before Judge William T. Elmer and a jury.

The crime for which the accused must stand trial was the result of a quarrel which started over cards and was fanned into a fierce flame over a further argument about the price of work.

It commenced in the afternoon in a saloon, was carried by all the parties to the house of a friend where they were taking supper and was continued with the fatal ending in the resort where it was first started.

It was charged that De Marco used a villainous stiletto with deadly effect on the murdered man named above and also on the latter's brother, Phillippo. The latter died immediately. Angostino lingered several hours and was able to make an anti mortem statement in which he accused De Marco. The murdered men were uncles of the murderer.

The state selected to try De Marco for the murder of Angostino, as by so doing it could use the latter's dying statement.

It did not take long to secure a jury and the following were chosen to hear the case: Hezekiah B. Osborn and Elmer Jackson of Wilton, Edward D. Gillette of Easton, Charles P. Chapman and Ebenezer Baker of Westport, Morris W. Perry and Henry B. Wheeler of Weston, Almon H. Taylor and Howard A. Andrews of Brookfield, John H. Sherwood of Fairfield, George A. Nichols of Greenwich and David A. Nichols of Monroe.

The accused was defended by Attorney Michael Kenealy and Justin J. Curtis of Stamford. States Attorney Samuel Fessenden conducted the case for the state.

The evidence introduced yesterday was mainly of an expert character. Three doctors testified in regard to the wounds and their effect in causing death.

An ugly looking stiletto was introduced in reply to a question Dr. Hexamer said that it fitted the most serious wound in the dead man's body.

### "Counting On" a Good Time.

The Trinity church club met at the home of Mr. Seymour C. Palmer on Elmwood avenue, South Norwalk last night, and unanimously decided that it would not be out of order to give their lady friends in the parish an evening of pleasure so far as it lay in their power to provide. And the ladies of the parish are already "counting on" the good time that is in store for them.

### The Hat Trimmers.

The Hat Trimmers' Union has elected the following officers: Mrs. Fannie J. Joice, president; Mrs. Esther Stevens, vice-president; Miss Emma Buxton, secretary; Miss Anna Burr, treasurer. A special meeting was held last evening at which matters of importance to the Union were fully discussed.

### Still Alive.

Kabaca Encarpment, I. O. G. F. conferred the first degree last night, and the "goat" is still alive for a second and third degree exercise which "he" will be called upon to perform before the month of March shall lapse into the lap of April.

### Saugatuck Postoffice.

Representative Hill on Wednesday recommended to the Postoffice department Hiram Jeliff for appointment as postmaster at Saugatuck. The Saugatuck office is one of the best fourth class offices in the state, paying \$685 a year.

The Easter committee of the First M. E. church held a meeting in Kneudson hall last night. Arrangements for the Easter festival were made.

## EVE'S RAMBLINGS.

**COMMENT AND GOSSIP AMONG THE WOMEN, BY ONE OF THEM.**

I understand the good ladies who are interested in the hospital, propose giving another entertainment on April 27. This is a good idea and should meet with a generous response from all.

I am informed that the Knob club expects to have a most prosperous season this year, and that the quota of the club will be filled long before opening day. The suggestion of the managers that a carryall be run daily between the trolley and club grounds is meeting with unanimous approval.

There is no more delightful spot on Long Island Sound than the Knob, and I am pleased to hear of the club's success. The only drawback in former years has been in getting to the grounds, and now that a conveyance is to be run daily, we shall expect to see the place crowded during the entire summer.

Mr. Henry Price, musical director at the Methodist church, is to be congratulated on securing the services of Mrs. Imogene Ross for his choir. Mrs. Ross has a charming soprano voice and will no doubt delight the congregation with her solos during the coming year.

In speaking of Mr. Price, I have often wondered if the Methodist people realize how hard he labors to give them good music. In season and out of season Mr. Price is at work on church music, and at Easter he generally favors the congregation with a most excellent selection. He is an untiring worker and a credit to the church.

I hear it whispered that Mr. Harry Pepper would not be adverse to joining the choir of the new South Norwalk Methodist church. How true it is I do not know, but if he should leave Grace church the void in the latter's choir would be hard to fill.

The beautiful spring weather yesterday brought out a large number of fair bicyclists, West avenue being crowded during the entire afternoon, I noticed, too, that the elder ladies were out in greater numbers than they younger riders.

In watching the numerous riders, I was forcibly struck by the different styles of dresses worn, and I must say that I have yet to see a becoming and tasty spring bicycle suit.

### A Daughter of Eve.

#### Special for Saturday.

Where you will find best goods for least money: 19 lbs. granulated sugar, \$1.00. Magnolia milk, 7c per can. Best Mocha and Java coffee, 30c per lb. Good peaches, 3 lb. cans, 10c. Extra fine peaches, per can, 18c. Mrs. W. R. Bates, Norwalk Cash Grocery.

## AMUSEMENTS.

### Payton's Big Comedy Company.

A representative of the The GAZETTE in a talk with Manager Hoyt, asked for information concerning the Payton Big Comedy company, which is booked to appear at his house on March 14. He was profuse in his praise of the excellence of the company, and the artistic merit of the productions given by them. "The magnificent manner in which the Payton company's repertoire of plays are produced, was a revelation to me," he said, "in view of the fact that popular prices are charged. The costumes are handsome, the scenery and stage settings splendid, the cast excellent. I feel no hesitancy in saying that it is the strongest repertoire company appearing this season at popular prices." Baby June, the wonderful child artist, will no doubt capture the hearts of the ladies.

### May Lose His Eyesight.

Word was received in Stamford yesterday from Dr. Charles E. Rowell of that place, who is now in Florida, that he had suffered paralysis of the optic nerves and was likely to lose his eyesight.

### Jumped the Track.

A freight train jumped the track at Bridgeport this morning, with the result that some of the trains going west and due at South Norwalk before 8 o'clock were from an hour to an hour and a half behind time. All after the 6:15 train had gone through on time.

### The Weather.

Threatening weather followed by showers to-night or Saturday.

## HAT SHOP BURNED.

**Loss of \$3,500 at Bethel and 75 Hands Thrown Out of Work.**

**Danbury Also Experiences a Fire From Carbolic Acid Igniting.**

The hat factory of Gorman, Wixted & Crowe, near the Bethel railroad station, was completely destroyed by fire last night.

The building was a two-story frame structure, and burned rapidly. The fire is thought to have started in the boiler room, as the flames when first discovered were in that part of the building.

The loss is estimated at \$3,500 and fully covered by insurance.

There were seventy-five hands employed in the factory, all of whom are thrown out of work by the fire.

Danbury was also visited by a fire, last evening, shortly after 8 o'clock, when the flames broke out in Reed & Co.'s drug store, of which Mayor Kerr is the proprietor, at the corner of Main and Keller streets, resulting in about \$1,000; insured. The fire was caused by some carbolic acid that Thomas Ryan, a clerk, was heating over a kerosene stove in the laboratory, becoming ignited. Ryan was forced to make a hurried exit. There were several minor explosions as the fire reached some chemicals in jars in the laboratory and a very poisonous smoke at first retarded the work of the fire department, but the flames, however, were confined to the back part of the store.

## BIRTHS.

**HAMILTON.**—In Bridgeport, March 6, a daughter to William C. and Catherine Ferris Hamilton.

## DEATHS.

**ANDERSON.**—In South Norwalk, March 6, Carl A., infant son of Charles and Gertrude Anderson of Grove street, aged 3 months.

**ARCHAMBEAULT.**—In Bridgeport, March 7, Grace Irene, infant daughter of George F. and Mary A. Archambeault, aged 4 months.

**BARRY.**—In New York, March 9th, Patrick, son of James and Margaret Barry, aged 27 years, formerly of Bridgeport.

**CLARKE.**—In Bridgeport, March 7, Dora, widow of Edward P. Clarke, aged 42 years.

**GLYNN.**—In Bridgeport, March 6th, Emaline, wife of Samuel Glynn, aged 39 years.

**GUNTHER.**—In Stratford, Conn., March 4, Christian G. Gunther, aged 48 years.

**GILMARTIN.**—In Bridgeport, March 8, Catherine, wife of Patrick Gilmartin, aged 59 years.

**HAWLEY.**—In Bridgeport, March 9, Mrs. Harriet Blackman, widow of the late Robert Nichols Hawley, in the 82d year of her age.

**HAWLEY.**—In Stepney Depot, Monroe, March 9th, Sarah Ann Hawley, wife of Julius B. Hawley, aged 71 years.

**HAYES.**—In Bridgeport, March 9th, Eliza J., widow of the late William Hayes, aged 77 years.

**HORTON.**—In Bridgeport, March 7th, John Henry, son of Mary and Stephen Horton, aged 2 years.

**HOWARD.**—In Bridgeport, March 5, Clara, wife of Edward Howard, aged 29 years.

**MENGES.**—In Bridgeport, March 4, Mrs. Caroline, widow of the late Wm. Menges, aged 78 years, 2 months and 8 days.

**MCALLISTER.**—In Danbury March 4, Margaret A., infant daughter of John and Mary McAllister, 11 McDermott street, aged four months.

**MUNN.**—In Bridgeport, Mar. 7, Polly, widow of Nathaniel Munn, aged 88 years.

**OAKES.**—In Rowayton, March 6, Willie C., son of Charles H. and Minnie Oakes, aged 3 years.

**PARSONS.**—In Danbury, March 10th, Emma E., daughter of Alfred and Sarah Parsons, aged 4 years.

**ROBINSON.**—In Bridgeport, March 5, Margaret A., daughter of Richard and Maria Robinson, aged 22 years.

**SHEPARD.**—In Great Plain, Danbury, March 6th, Jennie Field Shepard, aged 18 years.

**STENSON.**—In Danbury, March 9th, Martin Stenson, of 35 Fairfield avenue.

**SAUER.**—In Danbury, March 4, Elsa Barbet Sauer, daughter of Eugene and Augusta Sauer, aged 1 year, 8 months.

**WORDEN.**—In Bridgeport, March 6, Emily S., wife of Charles E. Worden, aged 67 years.

**VICKERS.**—In Bridgeport, March 9, John F., son of John H. and Teresa Vickers, aged 2 months.

### Write to Him.

David Ward, the lucky gold miner, who brought back the news of a rich find of gold on the American side of Alaska, and who says the rush next spring will be far down the Yukon on the American side, spent three years prospecting in Alaska, and in that time only received seven letters from home. Since his return he has had more than that many thousands of letters from would-be argonauts in three months. He is now in Philadelphia, Pa., and tries to answer every inquiry concerning the Far North, its perils, rigors of climate and wonderful riches. His practical experience makes his advice highly valuable, and anyone interested in Alaska should avail themselves of his knowledge by writing to him.

### Boss Carpenter to Move.

Contractor Samuel B. Sherwood has decided to remove his business and household belongings to Stamford where he will reside. He commenced moving yesterday, but will himself remain in town until such work as he now has in hand is completed.

### Will Retire Gracefully.

Deputy Collector E. N. Sloan, of Norwalk in an interview with a Bridgeport Standard reporter, said: "It is not true that I will make a fight when I am compelled to vacate the office. I will leave it as gracefully as I took it."

### Death From Appendicitis.

Louis G. Rathburn, Jr., aged 11, a pupil at the Curtis boarding school at Brookfield, died yesterday from appendicitis. The lad had been in ill-health for about a year, and his condition puzzled the physicians.

## FOR BANK EXAMINERS.

**E. P. Metcalf Appointed for Connecticut and Rhode Island.**

The comptroller of the currency yesterday appointed E. P. Metcalf of Providence to be national bank examiner for the district of Connecticut and Rhode Island. He succeeded the late Daniel Day of Providence, who resigned the office on account of ill health ten days prior to his death. Mr. Metcalf is said to have high qualifications for the office. He was endorsed by the senators and representatives from Rhode Island, and the members of the Connecticut delegation conceded the appointment to that state because Connecticut was given the appointment of internal revenue collector. It is possible that Mr. Doolley of Hartford, who was appointed as a special examiner for the same district several years ago as a democrat, will be continued in office for the present.

### Tenth Anniversary.

The Boston store will celebrate its tenth anniversary to-morrow with a "Grand Profit Sharing Sale." It will be just 10 years ago to-morrow that this successful business house opened its doors for business. The day was that of the memorable blizzard of 1888. They are always going ahead and never looking backward. They are up-to-date in everything; that is the reason of their unquestionable success. Give their new adv. in to-day's issue a perusal. It will pay you.

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INEFFICIENCY OF SPAIN

Unable to Preserve Order, and the United States Must Intervene—Whether War Results or Not Depends on Spain—Administration Ready to Act.

Washington, March 10.—The Administration realizes that while there may be a peaceful settlement of the Maine question, the greater one, that of Cuba, still remains. To settle this the President and his Cabinet are preparing. This means the independence of Cuba.

The President, in his message to Congress, stated his plan in this matter. He gave Spain an opportunity to put autonomy into effect and asked her to set a time when she would restore peace on the island. The Administration has waited patiently for the Madrid Government to name this date, but no answer has been received.

It is evident to the President and his Cabinet that when the report of the Court of Inquiry and the Cuban correspondence are made public, the Administration must be prepared to act as the President promised in his message last December. Spain has permitted the time to pass when anything short of the independence of Cuba will suffice.

The course of the President in the last few days, the asking for a \$50,000,000 appropriation, the active preparations for any emergency by all the departments, and the taking of the public into his confidence—all mean that the real crisis is about at hand.

This is practically the universal opinion in Congress, and it is more than mere speculation. No doubt is felt that the independence of Cuba is to be recognized by this Government. Whether this causes war depends upon Spain. The loss of the Maine is known not to have been the result of an accident. If it is not shown to have been the act of Spanish officials, or by their connivance, it will still demonstrate the inefficiency of Spanish control in Havana. The necessity of assistance by this Government to prevent the depopulation of the island by starvation, confessed by the acceptance of the assistance, is another evidence of the helplessness of Spain to maintain in Cuba the conditions of government. The barbarities, proven and confessed, show inability to preserve the forms of civilization. Incapacity and loss of control on the island are shown.

Intervention by this Government to save the population from starvation is the first step toward a broader intervention to preserve life and property and to save the island from becoming a barren waste. The conditions in Cuba have compelled Spain to acknowledge the need and propriety of this Government intervening to check devastation by starvation. The right of further intervention, if necessary, naturally follows.

This is the view of the situation held in Congress, and intervention is expected.

The passage of the fifty million appropriation bill by Congress has brought a general sense of relief. Heretofore there has been apprehension that evil would result from the Administration not being prepared for an emergency, and, at the same time, it was feared that the public steps necessary to preparation would aggravate the situation. Moreover, both parties feared some break or evidence of lack of harmony when the time came for action. All these apprehensions have been relieved by the unanimous vote in both houses, and the knowledge that the President is in condition to make all necessary preparations without delay. Further reason for satisfaction is found in the belief that a policy has been inaugurated which will result in the final settlement of the irritating Cuban question.

While the hope is entertained that the unprecedented action of Congress and the display of resources by this Government will impress the Spanish Government, yet there is not much faith in the ability of Sagasta to control or resist Spanish public sentiment. It is expected that Spain will be compelled to choose between settling the Cuban question peaceably herself on the basis of independence, or having this Government recognize the independence of the island without considering the course Spain may see fit to follow.

The steps that will be taken will not be of a character to provoke Spain to war, though it is thought they will probably have that effect, and will certainly lead speedily to Cuban independence.

An evidence of the spirit with which the question of supporting the President was approached was furnished Tuesday by the action of Speaker Reed, Mr. Cannon, General Henderson and Mr. Dalzell, the Republican members of the Rules Committee and the chairman of Appropriations Committee, in leaving it to Mr. Sayers, the Democratic leader on the Appropriations Committee, to fix the programme for the consideration of the defense bill. The same spirit was shown when Mr. Bailey, the Democratic leader, supported by every Democrat in the House, and the Populists, view with the Republicans in a display of patriotism. This was not the result of a momentary impulse, but was the formal entrance upon a policy of support of the President and submergence of party politics in this crisis which will continue until the close.

Cleveland Strike Over.

Cleveland, O., March 10.—After more than two months' hard fighting, the Globe Ship Yard strike has been settled. The battle is declared off and the men compelled to acknowledge a defeat, which may mean the disintegration of their local union. Between 400 and 500 hands were involved in the strike.

\$100,000 Fire in Chicago.

Chicago, March 10.—The three upper stories of the building at the southeast corner of Monroe and Market streets were gutted by fire last evening. The damage was about \$100,000 to the structure, and to the stocks of tenants, who were a number of small manufacturers of clothing and manufacturers' agents.

ASTOUNDING EVIDENCE!

Of Norwalk's Needs.

And Remarkable Proofs that the National Disease Long Considered Incurable

Can Be Cured and Has Been Cured Right Here in Norwalk.

Mrs. William W. Bloom, who lives at 7 Water street, Norwalk, says: "I have been troubled with catarrh in my head and throat for some time. My whole head was stuffed up; the passages of my head and throat would at times become so filled with mucous that I could not talk, and altogether it was very annoying. I also suffered a great deal of the time with headaches. I got a bottle of California Catarrh Cure at Plaisted's drug store in South Norwalk, and I think it is the greatest stuff in the world. It has cured me of all the disagreeable suffering I have had for so long; my throat troubles me no more, and I haven't had a headache for weeks. I have recommended it to several friends who have used it with satisfactory results, and we all unite in saying it is a wonderful medicine."

California Catarrh Cure is especially prepared for treatment of the mucous membrane. It allays the inflammation, checks the disease and arrests and repairs the decay of this delicate lining.

It is a curative agent for colds, coughs, hay fever, bronchitis, asthma, and all purely mucous affections. Use it during and after a cold, and you will never have a cold "hang on," or even reach the catarrhal stage. When catarrh is once firmly fixed in the nasal passages and throat, it begins to attack the mucous membrane of the passage leading either to the lungs or to the stomach. The result of the former course is ultimately consumption, of the latter what is commonly called some form of indigestion or dyspepsia. It is catarrh of the stomach, intestines, kidneys and various internal passages. California Catarrh Cure will prevent and cure all forms of catarrh, whatever the part affected, and even will check incipient consumption. It is sold by all dealers; 50 cents, three times as much, one dollar.

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HE LIVES IN A LOG HOUSE.

A Rich Banker Who Will Not Desert His Old Home and Its Associations.

Pendleton, Ind., is noted for many historic incidents and landmarks, and also claims the distinction of having the only banker in the country who lives in a log house. His name is Morris Hardy, and he is known all over this section of the State among men of wealth and banking. He is the cashier in the Pendleton bank. He is one of the principle stockholders also, and is wealthy. He has never acquired any particular "swell head" since becoming rich and successful in banking, and every evening after his work at the bank is completed he retires to a common log house. It is by no means a shackle or broken-down affair. The furniture is up to date, and everything about the place bears evidence that the occupant is by no means a miser or even close-fisted.

The old place has memories hanging around it which are dear to the banker, and he is content to let his patrons live in swell residences while he occupies the one made of logs. It was occupied by his father, Neal Hardy, and it was to this house that the late Frederick Douglass was smuggled when mobbed at Pendleton, when he first came into the north to plead for the liberty of his race. Within walls the noted man, then poor and an outcast, was nursed back to life, and when, in later years, his name was known the world around, he would come back to this little home and spend his time with the quaint old people.—Chicago Chronicle.

AN AFRICAN PRAIRIE DOG.

Much Like the Species Found on Our Western Prairies.

The meekrat of South Africa bears a resemblance to the American prairie-dog, but is more easily domesticated. It is a tiny little creature about as big as a rat, very intelligent and affectionate as a dog when tamed.

It barks and chatters and purrs, is an inveterate thief and spends much of its time standing upright. Its fur is gray, marked somewhat like a tabby cat, and it is wholly without fear. The dog is its favorite animal, and, when tamed, the meekrat invariably attaches itself to the most good-natured dog in the house.

When wild, these little animals live in colonies as the prairie dogs, burrowing their homes underground, living on roots. They express supreme satisfaction by lying flat down and stretching themselves out so that they seem like a flat skin without any bones inside it.

The little creatures have black circles around their eyes, a stripe running underneath their bodies for its entire length and long, curving black claws on their little fore paws.—Golden Days.

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Conference Between Sec'y Long and President Griscom.

**ARRANGING THE TRANSFER**

The American Line Officials Offer Not Only the Four Large Ships, but the Smaller Vessels of the Fleet to the Government.

Washington, March 11.—One of the most important conferences held by Secretary Long yesterday was with President Clement A. Griscom, of the American Line Steamship Company, and the owners of the steamers St. Paul, St. Louis, New York and Paris. Mr. Griscom was accompanied by his son, and the conference with the Secretary was in regard to the transforming the Atlantic liners into auxiliary cruisers.

The intention is, if it becomes necessary, to press these vessels into the service under the power given the Government in the subsidy act, and attach them to the proposed flying squadron, which is about to rendezvous at Hampton Roads. The Secretary and Mr. Griscom discussed the situation in detail.

Mr. Griscom not only assured the Secretary that the four large vessels were at the disposal of the United States, as, under the law, they could be taken at any time, but also that the company was willing to place the smaller vessels of the fleet at the disposal of the Government any time either by sale or charter. These vessels do not come under the provisions of the subsidy law, but Mr. Griscom assured the Secretary that the company was ready at any time to turn them over to the Government.

It is understood here that the Navy Department considers the four large steamers of the International Steam Navigation Company now practically under its control, and has a naval officer ready to take command of each at once.

Orders have been issued at the Bureau of Navigation to put the monitor Miantonomah and the ram Katahdin into commission, following the opening of the Columbia and the Minneapolis. The first-named vessel will be ordered to Southern ports, to do the same work of protection that the Terror in New York and the Puritan at Hampton Roads are doing.

Secretary Long has received the reports from chiefs of bureaus and other naval officials as to work going on. He received a large number of cable reports from naval attaches at foreign legations in regard to the chances of purchasing war vessels now being built in foreign ship yards. These reports showed that there were a large number of purchasable vessels now being built at private yards, which could be secured at once. But the vessels in Government yards were not available. This information will be of great assistance to the Department, and no doubt a report will be prepared and cabled to Southampton to await Commander Brownson's arrival there.

**OPENLY CHARGED BRIBERY.**

Councilman in Philadelphia Says \$5,000 Was Offered to Him.

Philadelphia, March 11.—The rumors of lobbying in connection with the several bills before city councils for the transfer of the city water works to private corporations had their culmination in a direct charge of attempted bribery made by a member of the Common Council at a meeting of that body yesterday.

The meeting was a special session called for the consideration of the measure known as the Schuylkill Valley water bill. Shortly after it had been taken up Walter N. Stevenson, member from the Thirty-second Ward, declared that \$5,000 had been offered to him to vote for the bill. He further said that he was informed that members who were voting for the bill were getting from \$1,000 to \$5,000 for their votes. He asked that an immediate investigation be made.

Other opponents to the bill followed with remarks corroborative of Stevenson's charges, and amid great excitement a motion was adopted, by a vote of 67 to 61, to definitely postpone the consideration of the bill. The special session was then adjourned.

The charges probably will result in a deathblow to the water bill. The bill provides for a transfer of the city's water works to the Schuylkill Valley Water Company for a period of fifty years, the city to pay the company \$1,400,000 for its water supply.

**Boy Victim of Chum Will Recover.**

Lancaster, Pa., March 11.—William B. Davis, who was shot Wednesday at Millersville by his chum, Roy Gehrig, the latter then committing suicide, will probably recover. The bullet that entered his temple was located by the X-ray. It took a downward course and lodged between the upper jaw and cheek bones. No effort will be made to remove it at present. Davis still maintains that they had no quarrel, but states that Gehrig frequently threatened to commit suicide and said if he did he would first kill Davis.

**Farmer Murdered by a Tramp.**

Tamaqua, Pa., March 11.—Joseph Weaver, a farmer of Lisard, a village ten miles from here, was shot and killed yesterday by an unknown tramp. Weaver found the man sleeping in his barn and ordered him to leave. The tramp fired two shots, one of which entered Weaver's heart. He died almost instantly. The tramp escaped.

**To Promote General Miles.**

Washington, March 11.—The Senate Committee on Military Affairs yesterday decided to recommend the passage of the bill authorizing the revival of the grade of Lieutenant-General of the Army. The bill authorizes the President to nominate an officer for this grade. The bill is in the interest of General Miles.

**Fifteen Locomotives for Egypt.**

Philadelphia, March 11.—The Baldwin Locomotive Works has booked an order for fifteen locomotives for the Egyptian State Railway. They are to be heavy mogul freight engines, and will be shipped early in May.

**AN OUTSIDE EXPLOSION.**

The Work of the Board of Inquiry is Finished—Cuban Colony Excited.

Key West, Fla., March 11.—The work of the Board of Inquiry investigating the cause of the Maine disaster is finished. There will be a few more meetings, but no further evidence is expected, except a few corroborative details that can only the more firmly establish the fact that the warship was blown up from the outside.

With the evidence already in the hands of the Government at Washington it is believed the finding of the board also has been forwarded there. This will be made public simultaneously with the announcement of the position of the Government in demanding that Cuba be set free.

News from Havana last night states that the divers, in searching for more circumstantial evidence of an external explosion, are having extraordinary difficulty in getting at the lower part of the wreck on account of the uplifting of everything from keel to deck, showing the enormous force of the upward explosion.

Uncompromising Spaniards there are posing in the streets and in the cafes, clamoring loudly for war against this country.

The surviving officers of the Maine now in Key West have received orders to go north by to-morrow, unless there is a sudden change in the programme. They are to be placed on active duty at once on warships fitting out for service. Several of them will be placed on the swift auxiliary cruisers of the American line in case they are called into commission.

Yesterday afternoon the expectant Cuban colony here was thrown into a fever of excitement by the report from Jacksonville that President McKinley had recognized the belligerent rights of the insurgents. In an hour all sources of information were besieged with inquiries. Telegrams were sent to the New York Junta and to Washington, but no answers were received up to late last night. Still, sympathizers stand around, hoping to organize a big demonstration should the news prove true.

**BOUNDARY DISPUTE SETTLED.**

Convention Arranged With British Government—Our Contentment Upheld.

Ottawa, March 11.—Sir Julian Paucot, the British Ambassador, has informed the Canadian Ministry officially that he has arranged a convention with the United States whereby the Alaskan boundary dispute has been settled.

Under the terms of the convention the British Government has conceded the claim of the United States that the three marine leagues should be measured from the shape of the mainland, and should proceed along the shores of the inlets, which are thus recognized as arms of the ocean, and not as rivers.

The contention of the British and of the Canadian governments was that the three league limit should begin on the seaward side of the island, and that the delimiting line should be run across the inlets, and not follow their shores. These inlets are numerous, and extend into the mainland a great distance, and the decision therefore is of much importance to the United States.

The United States has agreed to the British retaining the boundary on the limit of the Chilkoot Pass and the White Pass, because of the Russo-British agreement of 1825 the line of demarcation was fixed as one running along the tops of the mountains.

The decision, while not entirely unexpected by the Cabinet, is regarded with disfavor. It was understood that the British Government was irritated at the forwardness of the Canadian Ministry, but it was not thought that the surrender would be so sweeping as it is.

**Free Homes Beaten in the House.**

Washington, March 11.—After a debate in the House which lasted more than five hours, the Senate amendment to the Indian Appropriation bill, providing for the free entry of ceded Indian lands, was yesterday non-concurred in by a vote of 99 to 136. The friends of the free-home clause made a gallant struggle, but they met the opposition of some of the prominent leaders on the Republican side, Messrs. Dingley, Grosvenor, Dalzell and Payne, and they were further weakened by the fact that many of the friends of the proposition were alienated by the belief that, as drawn, the amendment would work injury to the agricultural colleges of the country.

**McKisson to Contest Hanna's Election.**

Cleveland, March 11.—Mayor Robert E. McKisson, who was the anti-Hanna candidate before the Legislature for United States Senator, finally has decided to contest Mr. Hanna's right to be seated for the long term. McKisson says: "I have decided to contest Hanna's election for the long term. The fight that we put up against him at Columbus won't be a marker to the fight we will make in the Senate when his credentials for the long term are presented."

**A Bishop's Son Elopes.**

Middletown, Conn., March 11.—Police Officer John Inglis, of this place, is authority for the statement that Miss Effie Inglis, his eighteen-year-old daughter, has eloped with R. H. Newton, of Richmond, Va., a son of the late Bishop of Richmond, and that the couple were married in Springfield, Mass., by the Rev. A. E. Fitch. Young Newton last year was a student at Bishop Williams' Berkeley School, and it is stated that he severed his connection with that institution by request.

**No Spanish Loan.**

Paris, March 11.—Nothing is known here of a Spanish loan. The story that France intends financially to support Spain seems to be unfounded. France will lend no money in the event of a Spanish-American war, or with such a possibility in sight, without the most perfect security, and it is said this Spain is unable to give.

**Millions from the Klondike.**

New York, March 11.—Nearly \$1,000,000 in gold from the Klondike has been received at the New York Postoffice Building during the past three days, consigned to banks in this city. The gold arrived in bags, holding from \$1,000 to \$10,000 each. It was carried from the trains to the postoffice in ordinary mail wagons, accompanied by a guard of armed men.

**SPAIN AFTER ALLIES**

Trying to Get the Support of Russia and France.

**SHE CHANGES HER POLICY**

Realizes the Grave Problem Which Confronts Her—Believes That England Would Side with the United States—Spain Purchases Three Steamers.

Madrid, March 11.—Political and financial circles here now fully realize that Spain is facing a grave problem. In view of the attitude of the United States it is understood the Spanish Government has completely changed its policy toward Cuba and is now courting the co-operation of the Cuban constitutional party, urging the maintenance of the volunteers and the pushing of the campaign against the insurgents, thus giving the military policy predominance over diplomacy.

This change is due to the fear that, if the radical autonomists insisted upon the disarmament of the volunteers or incited the constitutionalists to disaffection, a conflict would supervene, affording the United States an opportunity for armed intervention.

The presence in Madrid of the Spanish Ambassador to France, Senor Leon Castillo, has started rumors to the effect that Senor Gullon, the Spanish Minister for Foreign Affairs, is about to resign, and that he will be replaced by Senor Castillo. But this is denied in official circles, where it is said the visit of Senor Castillo is connected with the Government's negotiations to obtain the support of France and Russia which is favored by all parties, including the Carlists and Republicans, as there is a general feeling that in the event of war the racial and commercial interests of Great Britain will impel her to side with the United States.

It is understood the first effect of the understanding with France will be that Spain will receive financial assistance, in order to avert her national bankruptcy.

**SPAIN'S PURCHASES.**

Has Purchased Three Coasting Steamers and is Looking for More.

Berlin, March 11.—Senor Sandoval, the Spanish military agent in Germany, Austria and Scandinavia, has made three conditional purchases of coasting steamers at Flume and two at Pola. He left yesterday for Stettin and Hamburg, to inspect a number of vessels offered.

The United States, so far, has made no purchases from among her options in Germany. Lieutenant Commander A. P. Niblack, the United States Naval Attaché here and at Rome, has returned to the latter city.

**WAR THOUGHT CERTAIN.**

Manchester Guardian Says Uncle Sam Can Buy English Ships.

London, March 11.—Despite the momentary abatement of the tension between the United States and Spain, official circles in London take the gravest view of the situation, and the belief is prevalent, as gathered from inquiries at the highest sources on both sides, that, unless a solution of the Cuban difficulty is arrived at within six weeks at the latest, war is inevitable.

It is not expected that Spain will effect a settlement with the insurgents, and the only alternative is the absolute surrender of the Madrid Government, which the Spanish public press will resist to the last moment.

The Manchester Guardian says: "The belief is strong in well-informed quarters that the United States Government is deliberately withholding the facts in regard to the destruction of the warship Maine, while quietly preparing for the possibility of war in the spring."

The Guardian also says it learns that the United States Government has received several offers of purchasable ships in Great Britain, so that it is a mere matter of selecting the vessels which come nearest to the requirements of the authorities at Washington.

**A Martin Juror Roughly Handled.**

Hazleton, Pa., March 11.—A. W. Washburn, one of the jurors who sat on the trial of Sheriff Martin and his deputies, narrowly escaped being roughly handled when he reached his home, at Freeland, yesterday. The verdict of acquittal has excited the wildest indignation in this vicinity. It has been intimated that Washburn was "influenced" in his views. When he stepped from the train a great crowd of angry people met him. They hooted violently. "Down with the corporation puppet! Hang him!" was heard on every side. Washburn's friends went to the rescue and escorted him to his home. They were followed by an angry crowd through the town. The police were kept busy trying to prevent the mob from closing in on the juror and his friends.

**No Duty on Warships.**

Washington, March 11.—A letter from the Secretary of the Navy was read in Congress yesterday asking that a bill be passed admitting free of duty any ships that might be purchased by the United States Government, as well as all naval supplies. The Navy Department has received long cipher cablegrams from its naval attaches abroad regarding the purchase of ships and supplies now in Europe. They indicate that any quantity of desirable supplies may now be secured from private establishments, but none from Government works. The Department has, however, determined that the enormous resources of this country will be ample to meet any demand for ammunition and similar emergency requisites.

**Yukon Relief Parties.**

Seattle, Wash., March 11.—Although the Government relief expedition to the Yukon has been abandoned, another plan has been substituted which has the same destination in view and which will subserve the same purpose. The plan is to divide the herd of 537 reindeer now here into two parts. The greater number, 337, will leave here as soon as transportation arrangements can be perfected for Pyramid Harbor. The second expedition will leave here for Prince William Sound some time in May and will start for the interior of Alaska in June.

**\$700,000 CLUB HOUSE.**

The New York Athletic Club's New Club to Be Opened.

New York, March 11.—The opening of the new building of the New York Athletic Club is announced to take place to-morrow. This new clubhouse is the finest house of any athletic association in the country. The building, eight stories in height, is situated on the southeast corner of Fifty-ninth street and Sixth avenue, having a frontage on the Park of 120 feet, by 100 feet. The site cost \$260,000 when the club purchased it, in July, 1882. The cost of the building was originally estimated at \$500,000, but the contracts which have now been awarded show that the actual cost will be over \$700,000. The building is provided with the most modern appliances in ventilation, sanitation, and electricity, the best experts in these departments having been employed.

The first story is of light red stone, simple except over the main entrance, where the carving of the panels are elaborate. The basement contains six bowling alleys, with a gallery for spectators, Turkish baths, with a separate plunge, a swimming tank twenty-five feet by seventy-five feet, bathrooms,



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barber shop, and other accommodations. The main hall is thirty-eight feet wide, extending through the centre of the building. This floor will be occupied by a library, cloak room and the offices. The fifty-eight street entrance will provide a runway for bicycles, and space for 750 wheels, as well as cleaning and repairing rooms. A grand staircase of marble and bronze runs from the main floor to the roof, and three large elevators will be kept running all the day. The billiard, smoking and lounging rooms are on the second floor, and the next floor contains twenty-seven sleeping rooms and ten parlors.

The fourth and fifth stories are devoted principally to a huge gymnasium, 116 feet by 58 feet, a running bath, boxing and fencing rooms, and all other requirements of physical development. The large dining room is on the seventh floor. Private dining rooms and the culinary department are situated on the floor above this. The roof will be fixed up into a Summer roof garden, where vaudeville entertainments will be given during the Summer season.

Many prominent men of the country will attend the opening exercises and take part in the ceremony.

**RUSSIA IS AGGRESSIVE.**

Ukase Orders 90,000,000 Roubles Spent for Warships.

St. Petersburg, March 11.—An imperial ukase has been issued ordering the expenditure of 90,000,000 roubles in extraordinary expenditure for the construction of war ships. No loan will be raised to provide the funds.

The issuance of an imperial ukase ordering the extraordinary expenditure of 90,000,000 roubles for the construction of Russian warships marks the third great stride in preparation for war this week.

This, together with the American and British votes of money for purposes of defense, means that three Powers have assigned the aggregate sum of \$240,000,000 for naval armaments since Monday.

The vital importance of Liao-Tong and Tanchien-Wan from the point of view of Russia's interests, is shown in the text of the Chassin convention, which contains this clause: "China, on her part, binds herself never to cede them (Liao-Tong and Tanchien-Wan) to another country, but if the future exigencies of the case should require it and Russia should find herself suddenly involved in war, China consents to allow Russia to temporarily concentrate her land and naval forces within said ports in order to better enable Russia to attack the enemy or guard her own interests."

**2,000 SEAMEN WANTED.**

To Enlist Enough Men for All Warships, Including Auxiliaries.

Washington, March 11.—At the direction of the Secretary of the Navy a board of naval officers has been appointed to start at once on a tour of the country to secure the enlistment of enough sailors to man all the ships of the navy, including the auxiliary cruisers, in order that all may be put into commission at once if necessary.

The board will consist of Commandet Hawley, Civil Engineer Webster and Surgeon Person. They will be accompanied by a mate.

The board will leave Washington to-day and will visit all recruiting stations and make unlimited enlistments of seamen and machinists.

New Orleans will be first visited, then Galveston, then St. Louis and other Mississippi River ports. Cleveland, Savannah and Charleston will also be visited, and the board will not return to Washington until they have enlisted at least 2,000 men.

The navy is particularly in need of machinists. The pay of the men and the expenses of the board will come out of the \$50,000,000 Emergency Fund.

**\$75,000,000 to Spare.**

Washington, March 11.—According to Secretary Gage the Treasury is in good condition to meet the \$50,000,000 appropriation for national defense, and it would be possible pay out \$25,000,000 in addition without seriously affecting the available cash balance. He estimates that \$75,000,000 can be spared from the Treasury to meet appropriations by Congress, and that not until that amount is exhausted will special provision need to be made to provide money for war expenses.

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**Shipbuilding.**

Mr. Andrew Carnegie, who knows a thing or two about the business, publishes a somewhat interesting letter in the current issue of an iron trade paper, arguing in favor of the establishment of a great shipbuilding yard at the port of New York. Mr. Carnegie points out, among other things, that the steel plates used in constructing modern ships can be delivered in New York for \$7 or \$8 a ton less than they cost at the ship yards of Great Britain and Germany. He declares that the woodwork used in such vessels would also be correspondingly cheaper here than it is abroad, and he argues that if a great ship yard were established on the waters adjacent to New York and fitted with modern appliances the total cost of its operations, even at much higher wage rates, would be less than that of any similar concern in England or Germany.

**Diversions of Scare-Crow Journals**

One of the diversions of scare-crow journals is to gather the opinions of all kinds of people, whose opinions are usually of no consequence, on subjects that they know nothing about. Having exhausted all possible theories of the cause of the Maine disaster, they have now advanced to interviews upon the conduct of the war and are printing pages of guesses as to what will happen in case something else should happen. Among others, a number of Senators have been interviewed upon the probable course of the United States towards Spain. Strange to say, quite a number of Senators take the bate right under and proceed to tell how loyal they will be and how they will stand by the President in an emergency. The country will not feel any more confidence in the Senatorial judgment for these professions. It should be able to take that much for granted, and it will not escape notice that the Senators who usually keep their heads most level are the ones that say the least.

**Not a Cause for War.**

The dismissal of Consul General Lee from Havana by the Spanish government might not mean war. This dismissal has not yet been made and perhaps may not be. Spain has an undoubted right to say she does not wish him to remain at Havana, says the Hartford Post. She has already made known her feelings to that effect. President McKinley's prompt refusal to recall our efficient consul does him renewed credit. To have acceded to this demand would be unfortunate in this contingency. It would have seemed to stamp the consul general with incompetency and if even that appearance were not to be avoided there is not yet sufficient information as to the consul general's offense. The bill of specifications is not at hand. "I shall continue to do my duty," are the prompt words of the consul general in response to a questioner to-day.

The demand of Spain that food supplies be sent to reconcentrados in vessels other than those devoted to purposes of war may not be good in international law but it was to be expected under the circumstances. Two warships visiting the coast of a power at which we are at peace would ordinarily be harmless but in the present condition of affairs between this country and Spain it might possibly be an entering wedge for something important strategically—if for instance war was to be declared soon, which fortunately is not looked for. We say Spain has perhaps no legal right to object and that her objection adds to the certainty that she thinks she must do something to appease the people of the kingdom, but the demand is, under the circumstances, reasonable.

The real intent of this objection is we think to be found in the desire of Spain to let the reconcentrados alone. They are being starved. The supplies recently sent to Cuba have so far got no farther than Havana. That was the only port open to them. Once there they could not be distributed to the interior, for the Spanish authorities have no railway cars to use for the purpose and the country is not very safe for Spain's trains. The insurgents have enough food but added sup-

plies would not be undesirable and some of them while being thus distributed might fall into their hands. It was to assist in getting these supplies to the starving people at the more easterly ports of the island that we sought and obtained permission to take cargoes directly to such ports. At this late date just as the suffering people were to be reached effectively Spain has discovered that the method of sending the relief is all wrong. If the warships were loaded we think they would go. As they are not the Fern has been selected instead and will start in a few days. The only thing to do is to get the supplies to the reconcentrados as soon as possible. In the light of delay this appeal of Spain comes with no very good grade.

There is nothing in the situation, however, that means war. The country has kept its head and will continue to keep it, guided by the skillful patriot and diplomatist now in the White House. Incidents like these now interesting the public show that gradually Cuba is drifting away from Spain, and earning the sympathy of the civilized world. The Sagasta ministry has a difficult task indeed. In order to keep peace at home, the demands just made by it are probably necessary. But having been made, this will probably be the last of them. We must not believe that Spain is eager to try its powers with those of a nation many times its superior.

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**Annual Statement**

—OF THE—

**Connecticut Mutual**

**LIFE INSURANCE CO.**

Of Hartford, Conn.

NET ASSETS, Jan. 1, '97, \$60,981,671.61

RECEIVED IN 1897.

For Premiums, - - - \$4,743,410.04  
For Interest and Rents, 3,153,044.47  
Profit and Loss, - - - 65,289.82

\$7,961,744.33

\$68,943,415.94

DISBURSED IN 1897.

For claims by death and matured endowments, - - - \$4,459,832.23  
Surplus returned to policy-holders, 1,284,481.48  
Lapsed and Surrendered Policies, 596,136.76

TOT. TO POLICY-HOLDERS, \$6,337,447.47

Commissions to Agents, Salaries, Medical Examiners' fees, Printing, Advertising, Legal, Real Estate, and all other Expenses, - - - 850,470.66  
TAXES, - - - 346,938.43

7,534,865.56

BAL. NET ASSETS, Dec. 31, '97, \$61,408,550.38

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS.

Loans upon Real Estate, first lien, - - - \$33,045,673.68  
Loans upon Stocks and Bonds, - - - 2,300.00  
Premium Notes on Policies in force, - - - 983,315.72  
Cost of Real Est. owned by the Company, - - - 9,840,914.84  
Cost of Bonds, - - - 15,924,674.25  
Cost of Banks and Railroad Stocks, - - - 473,504.16  
Cash in Banks, 1,135,965.53  
Bills receivable, - - - 4,619.17

\$61,410,967.35  
Less Agents' Credit Bal., - - - 2,416.97

\$61,408,550.38

ADD Interest due and accrued, \$1,029,649.71  
Rents due and accrued, 15,962.49  
Market value of stocks and bonds over cost, - - - 771,770.27  
Net uncollected and deferred premiums, - - - 362,728.13

\$2,180,110.60

GROSS ASSETS, Dec. 31, '97, \$63,588,660.98

LIABILITIES: Amount required to re-insure all outstanding Policies, net, Company's standard, - - - \$54,924,070.00  
All other liabilities, - - - 1,303,654.97

\$56,227,724.97

SURPLUS, - - - \$7,360,936.01

Ratio of expenses of management to receipts in 1897, 10.63 per cent.

Policies in force, Dec. 31, 1897, 66,705 Insuring, \$157,701,387.00

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**THE MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE CO.**

OF NEW YORK.

**RICHARD A. McCURDY, President.**

**Statement for the Year Ending Dec. 31, '97.**

According to the Standard of the Insurance Department of the State of New York.

**INCOME.**

Received for Premiums . . . . . \$42,693,201 99  
From all other Sources . . . . . 11,469,406 24  
\$54,162,608 23

**DISBURSEMENTS.**

To Policy-holders for Claims by Death . . . . . \$13,279,630 66  
To Policy-holders for Endowments, Dividends, etc. . . . . 12,712,424 76  
For all other Accounts . . . . . 10,132,005 57  
\$36,124,060 99

**ASSETS.**

United States Bonds and other Securities . . . . . \$132,017,341 45  
First Lien Loans on Bond and Mortgage . . . . . 69,423,937 31  
Loans on Stocks and Bonds . . . . . 12,880,308 00  
Real Estate . . . . . 21,618,454 88  
Cash in Banks and Trust Companies . . . . . 11,705,195 82  
Accrued Interest, Net Deferred Premiums, etc. . . . . 6,141,200 20  
\$253,783,437 66  
Reserve for Policies and other Liabilities . . . . . 218,278,243 07  
Surplus . . . . . \$35,508,194 59  
Insurance and Annuities in Force . . . . . \$936,634,496 63

I have carefully examined the foregoing Statement and find the same to be correct; liabilities calculated by the Insurance Department. CHARLES A. PRELLER, Auditor.

From the Surplus a dividend will be apportioned as usual

**Report of the Examining Committee.**

Office of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York.

TO THE HONORABLE, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW YORK.

The undersigned, a Committee appointed by your honorable body, on the twenty-second day of December, 1897, to examine the Annual Statement of the Company and to verify the same, respectfully

**REPORT**

That, pursuant to the power and authority thereby conferred, the Committee have, at various dates between the date of the said reference and the date of this Report, attended at the office of the Company, and have waited on by the Treasurer, the Comptroller, the Auditor, and the Cashier, together with the respective assistants of such officers, and have carefully gone over all the items contained in the said Statement, and have found the same to be correct. They have examined and counted every certificate of stock, bond and other obligation held by the Company, and compared the prices at which the same are carried in said Statement with the market quotations, and find the same not exceeding such quotations—in fact, in many cases below them. They have examined and counted the bonds and mortgages on real property held by the Company, and find the same to be as stated. They have also verified the valuation of the Company's holdings of real estate and have verified the deposits of money in the various banks and trust companies, and have counted the cash on hand held by the Cashier.

And the Committee certify that all the books, papers, documents, and evidence of title of every description necessary in such examination have been freely submitted to the Committee by the said officers and their assistants, and that the same are accurate, in good order, and well kept.

And the Committee further certify that the investments of the Company are of a high order, and that the system and methods adopted by the Company in recording its transactions and caring for the assets are entitled to commendation.

All of which is respectfully submitted. CHAS. R. HENDERSON ELBRIDGE T. GERRY A. N. WATERHOUSE  
NEW YORK, January 21, 1898. S. V. R. CRUGER J. HOBART HERRICK JAMES C. HOLDEN

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LOCAL AND OTHER NEWS.

Ethel Ezekiel is ill at her home on Kellogg street with pneumonia.

The commissioners upon the insolvent estate of J. A. Pinneo hold their first meeting on March 19.

Several thousand rolls of ceiling paper, 5c per double roll at J. T. Prowitt's.

A lesson in French will be given at the Central club this afternoon.

Mrs. John L. Richards Jr., of South Norwalk, has been visiting in Newark, N. J.

There was a large attendance at the East Norwalk school entertainment last night, and the audience was highly entertained with the programme of exercises.

Have you seen the Pennant wheel at J. T. Prowitt's? only \$40.

A dense fog settled over the harbor this morning and made navigation by sailing craft somewhat perilous.

Miss Charlotte Temple, of Henry street, East Norwalk was given a surprise Wednesday night by the members of her Sunday school class. About thirty young people were present, and the evening was passed in a most pleasant manner.

Special Sale of Children's Bicycles at J. T. Prowitt's.

There will be a battalion drill of Co.'s D and F at the Armory, Tuesday night.

Charles Sanborn will remove from Harbor avenue to Bridgeport.

Fred L. Northrop, of Norwalk, a member of the tribe of Red Men of that city is ill at the home of his parents in King street.—Danbury News.

Another carload of those 10c papers just rec'd. at J. T. Prowitt's.

The Central Union, K. D., will meet in the Congregational chapel to-morrow, at 3:45 p. m. The Ministering Circle, K. D., at 3 p. m. in the pastor's study.

The Richardson & Morgan company will start up again on Monday.

Rambler Bicycle. Finest wheel in the market, only \$60. J. T. Prowitt.

From March 15th to October 1st, all the jewelry stores in Norwalk will be closed at 6:30 p. m., excepting Mondays and Saturdays.

The dance given under the auspices of Pioneer Castle K. of M. C. takes place this evening.

Sweeping reduction in prices of Wall Paper at J. T. Prowitt's during March.

Fred C. Mac Clean of New York is visiting relatives in town.

Mrs. Stabell of South Norwalk has gone to Lyon's Plains to care for her mother Mrs. P. Godhardt who is very ill.

Prof. M. S. Rosen, the well-known oculist optician, can be consulted at his office in the parlors of the Mahackemo Hotel, South Norwalk, Tuesday from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m. Eyes examined free. 15-tf.

A telephone has been placed in Fred Rogers' store on Main street.

Chauncey Green died at his home on Center avenue, yesterday. His remains will probably be taken to Cross River for interment.

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Darien.

Dudley Tilley's valuable New Foundland dog is still among the missing.

The tax collector is now the worst shunned man in town.

Miss Sophia Bell of Noroton hill is slowly recovering from the effects of injuries which she sustained in a trolley car accident a few weeks ago.

Fred Smith is steadily increasing his GAZETTE route.

Charles Weed from whose barn a horse and wagon were recently stolen, has received word from officers in the eastern part of the State that they are on the track of the thief and the stolen turnout.

Undertakers may come and undertakers may go, but the old reliable Burchard will always be found ready for business at the old stand.

At the Congregational church Sunday morning, the pastor took for his text, "Union with Christ" and preached a most interesting sermon. In the evening there was a gospel meeting.

R. H. Rowan, of South Norwalk, paid Darien a business visit on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bates and daughter were visiting relatives in town on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Howard, have returned from their wedding tour, and the Darien Drum corps are, considering the guests, thinking of giving them a serenade.

Mrs. Annie Buttery of Noroton avenue is seriously ill and her recovery is doubtful.

Mrs. Roden who occupied the house lately purchased by Hanford Smith from Mrs. Harry Hindley, has been dispossessed.

Willie Flemming entertained the Royal Social club last Friday evening, and an enjoyable time was had.

A couple of Norwalk wheelmen, who set out to ride to Stamford Sunday, came to grief while passing through Noroton. One of them collided with a wagon and wrecked his wheel, while the other broke his handle bar and punctured a tire so badly that the wheel was useless. The trolley, however, helped the young men out.

Fred Lindergren has taken the agency in Darien for the Manhattan Dye and Cleaning Works, of Stamford, and is meeting with good encouragement.

Charles H. Seeley, son of Holly H. Seeley, was arrested Tuesday, by Deputy Sheriff Lyon, on two writs, one issued in favor of John Trimble, and claiming \$250 damages for assaults alleged to have been committed several times within the past year. It is said that Seeley has repeatedly assaulted Trimble, and that one day in last February he fired the contents of a shot gun at Trimble. The other writ is in favor of Annie Trimble, the wife of John Trimble, for batteries alleged to have been committed on her by Seeley. She asks \$150 damages. Seeley furnished bonds of \$800 for his appearance in the Norwalk Town Court on Monday, the 21st inst.

Farther Lights.

The Farther Lights of the Baptist church, South Norwalk, held a meeting last night. Miss Lizzie Hyatt of Boston, made an address. Miss Hyatt has a pleasing personality and is a bright speaker. A number of Baptists from Norwalk were present.

For the Relief of Cuba.

A mass meeting is to be held next Sunday evening, in Music Hall, South Norwalk, in behalf of the relief fund for the starving sufferers in Cuba. The Baptist, Catholic, Methodist, and Congregational churches will all unite in this meeting. General Russell Frost will preside, and there will be brief addresses by Rev. R. O. Sherman, Rev. A. S. Kavanagh, Rev. John T. Winters and Rev. Gerald H. Beard.

A six year old daughter of Gosma Scappelo died last night at her home on Chapel street.

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Rev. Charles E. Benedict of Bayside, L. I., formerly of East Norwalk and Miss Edith Pegg, daughter of Rev. C. M. Pegg of Port Washington formerly of the East Avenue church will be married next Wednesday at the bride's home.

The First M. E. church are arranging to have the Wesleyan Glee club come to Norwalk to give an entertainment.

Miss Mary Clark will entertain her Sunday school class next Wednesday evening at her home on Taylor avenue.

Thomas McMullen has purchased the place on the Step Rock road owned by Sarah Fagan.

Mrs. Ann Buttery is critically ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Stevens in East Norwalk.

An order has been placed with the Crofut & Knapp-hat company for the hats to be worn by the police of New York city. The order is a large one.

Every lady should look at J. T. Prowitt's \$50—Stormer before buying.

A little child of Officer Walter Hall is on the sick list.

Mr. Arthur S. Ferris expects the arrival home on Saturday, of members of his family who went to visit relatives some six weeks ago, and were precluded from returning by reason of a quarantine for scarlet fever. It will be a family reunion fraught with happiness to all.

The state Sunday school association will conduct services in the Norwalk Methodist church next Sunday afternoon and evening. An elaborate program has been prepared and the Congregational churches will unite in the services.

The Board of Relief of the South Norwalk Union school district will meet next Monday evening.

Stainer's Crucifixion will be sung by Grace church choir Sunday evening.

Thirty of the young men and women of St. Joseph's parish met in Music Hall, Tuesday night, and decided to give a ball Easter Monday.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Hospital directors will be held Monday evening next.

R. F. Adams has leased the Jacob Turk place on Camp street.

Alice Pierce and Verna Wheeler of East Norwalk are confined to their homes with the mumps.

Miss Jane Stillson of Brooklyn, is visiting friends in town.

Gould Seymour has returned from an extended visit in New York.

Mrs. Hannah Hill of West avenue, is very seriously ill.

Percy Baker has been engaged by the South Norwalk Baptist church as bass soloist for the "musical" year commencing May 1st.

Mrs. James C. Crowe will entertain her Sunday school class and their friends at her residence Wednesday evening, March 23.

John A. Camp went to Westport yesterday and caught a fine mess of smelt, and he proposes going again to-day and doubling the catch.

Eben Gilbert of Chestnut Hill is negotiating for the sale of his big farm to New York parties. In case the sale is consummated it is understood that Mr. Gilbert will purchase a farm of less acreage.

How Senator Vest Got His Desk.

Many stories could be told of the alertness which Senators display in securing well-placed desks, but the experience of Mr. Vest is especially worth relating. When, in 1883, the civil service law was being discussed, Mr. Pendleton, an Ohio Democrat, and Mr. Dawes had presented bills. By a shrewd bit of politics the Republicans abandoned their support of the Dawes bill and voted for Mr. Pendleton's measure, their votes, together with the votes of the Democrats favorable to the measure, being sufficient to pass it. As the bill was about to be voted on, Mr. Cockrell moved that its title be changed so as to read: "A bill to retain Republicans in office." As soon as it passed Mr. Vest filed a claim for Mr. Pendleton's seat. "The author of such a bill," said he, "will never come back to the Senate."

Mr. Vest was right, and at the beginning of the next Congress he moved into Mr. Pendleton's vacant chair.—Washington Post.



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ENGLAND'S ATTITUDE

No Significance in the Visit of the British Ambassador.

WOULD HELP US IN EUROPE

Administration Not Likely to Put Us Under Obligations to the British, Although Their Moral Support is Expected in War with Spain.

Washington, March 11.—President McKinley said yesterday: "There is no significance in the visit of the British Ambassador."

This utterance was made in answer to the story published in certain papers that when Sir Julian called at the White House on Tuesday it was to convey a message from the Queen expressing her desire that war with Spain be avoided, and to point out that the commercial relations of Great Britain with the United States were too extensive to be jeopardized by a war between this country and Spain.

It is somewhat strange that a visit of the Ambassador to the President should give rise to so much speculation, because it is not an unusual thing in diplomatic procedure for an Ambassador to call upon the President.

There is no doubt that in this case the wish was father to the thought, and that England would undoubtedly be pleased to have the impression get abroad, especially in Europe, that an alliance has been made between Great Britain and the United States.

As a State Department official said yesterday, the United States was not going to place herself in the position of being under any obligations to England at this time, especially as the latter's aid was not necessary.

From this it will be seen that England is pleased that the impression should get abroad at this time that she offered assistance to the United States. There is every reason to believe, that, if war should come, the United States would have the sympathy of Great Britain and her moral support, and that, if she should interfere in any way before hostilities, her interference would be in the direction of bringing about such a settlement of the Cuban controversy as the United States is seeking.

It is also believed that should the President recognize the independence of Cubans, England would follow suit, and thus notify Spain that she could receive no sympathy or aid from the British. This much of friendly co-operation between Great Britain and the United States is anticipated. But a close alliance of a formal character is regarded as a thing of the remote future.

The mutual interest of the two governments in preserving the integrity of China and the need of Great Britain for the moral, if not the active, support of the United States in her contention with the rest of Europe over the Eastern question, is expected naturally to dispose Great Britain to assume a most cordial and sympathetic attitude toward the United States in the present emergency.

British commerce would undoubtedly suffer somewhat from war between the United States and Spain. But it is not believed that it would suffer nearly as much as has the American commerce on account of the Cuban war. There is no probability, it is thought, of Spain being able, in the event of war, to blockade any of the principal American ports, and, of course, the war vessels of neither Spain nor the United States would interfere on the high seas or in ports, in the absence of a blockade, with the vessels carrying the British flag.

Says McCoy's Claim is a Farce. Pittsburg, Pa., March 11.—Mike Connelly, Peter Maher's manager, says: "Kid McCoy's claim to the heavy weight championship is a farce. He told me in a personal interview that he was afraid of Maher. He said: 'I am challenging champions, but fighting such as our \$5,000 forfeit is still in the hands of Sam Austin for any man is the world to cover, and until McCoy fights a topnotcher his claim is ridiculous.' Maher has whipped both me and McCoy is after now."

San Francisco, March 11.—The odd in the Choyinski-Sharkey fight, which takes place to-night, are beginning to lengthen. Sharkey is the favorite at 10 to 7. Both men are in fine form and express confidence in their ability to win.

TRUST THE PRESIDENT.

Letters Praising His Course from All Over the Country.

Washington, March 11.—One of the most gratifying things to the President in the events of the last few days is the spontaneous outpouring of telegrams and letters of congratulation now coming to him commending him for his prudent and wise course under the trying circumstances of the last month. All these messages express the great confidence felt all over the country in the course now being pursued by the President, and express reliance in his ability and wisdom as to future events.

The vote of confidence given by Congress in placing such a vast amount of money in the President's hands, is unprecedented in this country. It gives the President absolute control over the appropriation, and places implicit trust in his ability and wisdom in disbursing it, for not a single condition is imposed upon him, and he is left free of all obligations in dispensing the millions.

This is all the more significant, because it is realized in Washington that now the explosion of the Maine is but an incident in the great question which the developments of the last few days show that the President is President in reality, and that Congress realizes this and is willing to follow him in his policy in the Cuban question as it did in the present crisis.

The assurance that the nation is ready for any crisis, will make the President's course in the future much easier, for no matter what the Court of Inquiry reports or how the report is received by Congress, the Administration knows that its policy has the endorsement of Congress and that when it is ready to act on the question of Cuba's future the country will be behind the President, and as ready to support his policy in this regard as it was to support the determination to be prepared for trouble.

The fact that the Court of Inquiry is finishing its work at Havana, and within a week, shows that the President was wise in taking the precautionary steps he did at once. It is the opinion here that developments will come swiftly, and the entire Cuban matter will be settled before many weeks have passed. The President does not mean to rush things or act hastily, but it is evident that a settlement of the question must be had at once.

NO RUSSIAN ULTIMATUM.

So Says the Parliamentary Secretary of the Foreign Office.

London, March 11.—Answering a question in the House of Commons yesterday on the subject, Mr. George N. Curzon, the Parliamentary Secretary of the Foreign Office, said Russia had not sent an ultimatum to China with reference to Port Arthur and Ta-Lien-Wan.

Mr. Curzon also announced that the British Ambassador at St. Petersburg had confirmed the report that Russia was negotiating for the lease of Port Arthur and Ta-Lien-Wan, for the same period and under the same conditions as granted to Germany in the case of Kiaochow, and that Russia was also negotiating for the right to construct a railroad from Petuna, on the Trans-Manchurian line, to Kwang-Chung-Tzu, Mukden and Port Arthur; but, Mr. Curzon explained, Russia did not demand sovereign rights, nor has she threatened to move troops into Manchuria in the event of China's non-compliance with her demands.

Mr. Curzon also denied that Russia and France had protested against the Anglo-German loan to China.

UNION OF WIRE INTERESTS.

Iron Trade Review Says Original Scheme Is Dead.

Cleveland, March 11.—The Iron Trade Review to-day says: "Everything is off in the proposed consolidation of the wire and wire-rod interests of the country. This statement might be qualified by saying that while the scheme on the original lines is dead, something may be accomplished in the next three weeks toward merging some of the important concerns. But of this there is no certainty at present."

The report of the experts as to the earnings of the companies do not verify the representations which were made, and the properties of these companies will not be purchased. Therefore, the consolidation, as originally contemplated, will not be consummated. It now seems certain that a consolidation of some, if not a majority, of the companies, will be made about April 1."

OFFICIAL CROP REPORT.

Reserves in the Hands of Farmers an Excess Over Last Year.

Washington, March 11.—The consolidated returns of the different crop-reporting agencies of the Department of Agriculture made up to March 1 show the wheat reserves in farmers' hands on that date to have been the equivalent of 22.9 per cent. of last year's crop, or about 121,000,000 bushels. This is 33,000,000 bushels in excess of the farm reserve reported one year ago.

The corn in farmers' hands as estimated aggregated 733,000,000 bushels, or 41.1 per cent. of last year's crop, as against 1,164,000,000 bushels, or 51.0 per cent., on hand on March 1, 1897, and 1,072,000,000 bushels, or 49.8 per cent., on March 1, 1896.

Of oats there are reported to be about 32,000,000 bushels, or 28.9 per cent., still in farmers' hands, as compared with 31,000,000 bushels, or 44.2 per cent., on March 1, 1897.

Naval Bill Almost Ready.

Washington, March 11.—Except for a few details the Naval Appropriation bill has been practically completed by the House Committee on Naval Affairs. Chairman Boutelle said last night he might report the bill to the House by to-morrow, and if not it will be reported next week. There have been changes from the estimates, and the bill will involve in the neighborhood of \$30,000,000 aside from new vessels, dry docks and armor.

THE DEPUTIES ACQUITTED.

Verdict of Not Guilty Rendered in the Lattimer Riot Trial.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., March 10.—The jury in the case of Sheriff Martin and his deputies for shooting of strikers at Lattimer, on September 10, returned a verdict of not guilty.

Long before the time for court to convene yesterday morning there was a big crowd waiting to gain admission to the court room. Judge Woodward did not take his seat on the bench until 10.05 o'clock, the jury coming in a few minutes later. When the jurors had taken their seats the roll was called, each man answering to his name. The clerk then asked: "Gentlemen of the jury, have you agreed upon a verdict?"

The foreman replied: "We have," at the same time handing the clerk the written verdict, which was promptly passed to Judge Woodward.

After reading the verdict the Judge returned the paper to the clerk. The latter, addressing the jury, said: "Gentlemen, your verdict in the case of the Commonwealth vs. James Martin et al. is not guilty, so say you all."

"We do," was the reply.

The jury was then polled and each juror answered not guilty as his name was called.

There was an attempt at applause, but it was quickly suppressed by the Judge.

When the jury retired Tuesday evening, they took only one ballot and it was unanimous for acquittal. It is said the jury was prepared to render a verdict before leaving the box. The ballot was taken only for form's sake.

After the jury had been thanked and discharged by Judge Woodward, District Attorney Martin asked that the defendants be required to continue their bail bond, as there are still seventeen indictments for murder hanging over them, and thirty-eight for feloniously wounding. The bond was continued as requested.

District Attorney Martin says he has not decided what to do with these other cases, but will confer with the Prosecuting Committee. This committee, it is said, will insist upon further prosecution.

The trial of Sheriff Martin and his deputies began on Tuesday, February 1, and continued for five weeks, about 150 witnesses being called by the Commonwealth and the defense. The case was bitterly fought by both sides, and has excited more interest than any other case ever tried in this section of the State.

It is said that the trial will cost the county almost \$10,000 and the defense \$50,000. The lawyers engaged by the Prosecuting Committee to assist the District Attorney were to have a fee of \$1,000 each. So far each has received \$700 of it.

TREASURY IN GOOD SHAPE.

Customs Receipts Increasing—Gold Reserve Touching Record Figures.

Washington, March 10.—At no time has the national Treasury been in a healthier condition than now. There is not only a greater store of gold in the vaults of the Treasury building today than there has been for a decade, but at no time within many years has the flow of gold into the Treasury been so strong and steady as it is at present. There are in round numbers \$170,000,000 in gold in the Treasury, and the supply is increasing every day, though the Government is making no effort toward further accumulation. The most remarkable and gratifying of recent developments has been the reappearance of gold in the payments for customs at New York. In the past few years the yellow metal has never been tendered in payment of customs dues, but the gradual restoration of confidence has had the effect of renewing the flow of gold into the custom houses.

It has been gradual, but it has now become unmistakable. Last September the proportion of gold was only eight-tenths of 1 per cent. of all the receipts. The next month it rose to 3.6 per cent. In November it had increased to 5 per cent., and so it rose steadily until now it is no less than 10 per cent. of the receipts. The Treasury authorities have done nothing to produce this condition, nor even to encourage it.

The customs payments in actual coin is regarded in financial circles as one of the best barometers of the confidence of the money market. Next to gold, United States notes are considered the best forms of payment of customs dues, and these constituted 54 per cent. of the receipts in January, and rose to 64 per cent. last month.

FLORIDA'S FORT PLANS STOLEN.

Burglars, Said to Be Spanish Spies, Break Into Building at St. Augustine.

West Palm Beach, Fla., March 10.—Following is an excerpt from a letter which has been received here, the information coming from an official in the Government building in St. Augustine:

"The Government building here was entered by thieves on last Thursday night and robbed, the thieves taking nothing but the plans and specifications from the engineers of the fortifications of the State. The discovery caused great excitement among the officials, and the matter has been kept a profound secret. The town has been besieged with Spanish spies for the last ten days, and it is generally believed by the authorities that they are the perpetrators."

Maine Survivors Arrive in New York.

New York, March 10.—Five members of the crew of the Maine, who were among those rescued after the battleship was blown up in Havana Harbor, arrived here yesterday on the steamer Lampasas from Key West. They met with an enthusiastic reception from the moment they were seen from shore until they reached the Navy Yard in Brooklyn. The men were George B. Load, master at arms; F. Topping and "Gus" Schwartz, seamen, and K. Kushida and T. O. Awo, Japanese attendants in the wardroom.

Iron Works Reopen.

Newcastle, Del., March 10.—Next Monday the Delaware Iron Works will resume operations, after a suspension of four months, and give employment to nearly 500 hands. Many families have been in distress since the shutdown, aid being furnished them by prominent citizens.

BABY PROPHET IS A WONDER.

Chicago Produces a Three Year Old Child Prophet.

Chicago has a prophet only three years old. Her name is Winifred Cline, daughter of Samuel Cline, a wholesale chemist.

The child has demonstrated her ability to foretell all kinds of accidents and important events varying from one day to several months in advance.

She does the phenomenal prophesying in a perfectly natural manner. She never goes into a trance; never claims to see visions, either asleep or awake; never gets "spells" of any kind. She eats, sleeps and plays around the house like any ordinary child.

For instance, she foretold the election of President McKinley several months in advance, when she was only two years old. This might strike an outsider at this time as being then an easy prophecy, even for a child. But circumstances show it to have been otherwise.

During the Presidential campaign Winifred's grandfather, John McNally, was a guest of the little girl's father. Both Mr. McNally and Mr. Cline were ardent supporters of Bryan. Every evening they talked about the campaign, expressing their utmost confidence that Bryan would be elected. Winifred had never heard anybody say anything to the contrary, so that when one evening before election Mr. Cline came home and announced that he had put up \$100 on Bryan's election, and was going to win it, the whole family was astounded by this sudden and grave assertion from Baby Winifred: "Mr. Bryan will not be elected, papa. You will lose your bet. Mr. McKinley will be the next President of the United States."

Another extraordinary thing about little Winifred, and something that has caused her parents much anxiety, is the fact that she has never used "baby talk." Her choice and range of words is as serious and extended as a woman of mature years.

Among other things she can always tell what the weather will be the following day. She can always tell at what hour a letter will arrive and often from whom it will come. She not only foretells the approaching visits of friends, but can even tell how the visiting friends are going to feel and what will be done while they are calling at her home. Her parents say there has not been a single instance where her prophecies have not come to pass. In addition to this prophetic power little Winifred has a marvellous memory, never forgetting the smallest detail of a conversation. A list of a dozen, or even two dozen figures can be shown her for a few moments, and she can call off each figure correctly.—New York World.

He Missed a Golden Opportunity.

A New Jersey junk dealer lost what would have been the best bargain he ever had in his life when he tried to beat down the price he was asked to pay for a barrel of old iron. The iron belonged to a queer old hermit who lived alone for many years, and who died a short time ago. The man who was setting up his affairs found a barrel containing scraps of old iron in the shed, and when a junk dealer came along, offered it to him for one dollar. The junk man demurred at the price, claiming it was worth only half that, and during the discussion which followed they tipped over the barrel. There among the old iron was found a lot of gold and silver coins which counted up more than six hundred dollars.

A New Employment.

An employment which a few original women have been able to make lucrative is that of furnishing notes for papers, addresses, lectures and the like. These women read everything in the way of periodicals, classifying and condensing important topics and preparing notes amply supplemented by clippings, that amount to a synopsis of the current news on the subject. This often becomes a sort of information bureau for the busy writers and talkers of the day. Club speakers, in particular, avail themselves of it.—New York Journal.

To Admit Her Mistake.

The wife opening the window—"Well, John, drunk again? It was the mistake of my life when I married you." John—"All right, 'Liza. Chust come down (hic) and open zhis door (hic) an' admit your mistake."—New York Journal.

THE MAT COULDN'T STAND IT.



Soprano—Ah! ah!!! ah!!!! wait my love—ah wait my love.



Fur Mat—Well! I haven't heard any thing like that since I was tanned.

KNOWING HOW PAYS.

The Moral of This Old, Old Anecdote Will Save a Heap of Trouble and a Pile of Money.

Something had gone wrong with some simple part of the machinery of a stationary engine, and the stoker could not fix it. After spending a day or two on it, he was forced to ask the aid of a more competent workman. He failed also, and someone suggested the employment of a local celebrity—a sort of tinker at any mechanical job. There is generally one in every locality. He gave two or three raps with his hammer and touched up a rod or two, when the pounding, or whatever ailed the machinery ceased. When asked to make out his bill, it read as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Price. Fixing Engine \$ 5.00, Knowing how 10.00, Total \$15.00.

This anecdote has nothing earthy to do with Mr. Wm. F. Knapp engineer and fireman at Roth & Goldschmidt's, South Norwalk, but it serves to introduce him to the Norwalk public, and at the same time shows the close relation between the tinker's work on the engine and average humanity's, when they tinker with their kidneys. Mr. Knapp tells how he cured his. Read this statement.

"I am an old time engineer and like a great many men who followed my calling the weak spot in my anatomy is my back, probably caused by becoming over-heated in a warm atmosphere and then expose to cold. Be that as it may I had considerable trouble with my kidneys and although I used simple household remedies and on one or two occasions took medicine, I was never able to completely rid myself of the attacks. Reading about the work performed by Doan's Kidney Pills in and around the Norwalks, I came to the conclusion they might help me and procuring a supply I commenced the treatment. After completing it I was so greatly improved in my general health that I conscientiously endorse Doan's Kidney Pills."

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Harbor Scavengers.

When the full fishing fleet is at the wharf thousands of gulls gather about the end of the dock. Some of the small boys who dangle legs and a fish line over the edge in the expectation of catching a smelt or two amuse themselves by throwing far out into the water two large pieces of fish tied together by a stout string. The voracious birds do not stop at swallowing a bit of rope, and if a gull reaches each end of the string at the same time there is a great fluttering, splashing and crying. Besides providing an amusement for the idlers at the docks, these wild birds do a great service to the public. They are the natural scavengers of the harbor and pounce upon everything edible and devour it with an omnivorous appetite. Were it not for the gulls the vicinity of the fish wharves would reek with the stench and jetsam of the fishing vessels and warehouse.—Boston Transcript.

Victims of Water Drinking.

There are two interesting instances of the effect of water upon the human system. In the Alps and the Pyrenees there is a race of people who are old men at 15 years of age, and who die at 30; this being entirely due to their drinking lime-water. The Chinese, on the other hand, drink nothing but rainwater, and, as a nation, their longevity is proverbial.—Philadelphia Record.

Deafness Cannot be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free. P. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggist, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

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**THE GAZETTE,**  
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The special town meeting predicted in last week's GAZETTE has been called by the Selectmen to be held at the Town House Saturday, March 12th, at two o'clock in the afternoon, for the following purposes:

FIRST. To authorize the Selectmen to take up the outstanding Town Bonds and to issue new bonds in their place.

SECOND. To adopt By-Laws regulating Town Procedure, etc.

THIRD. To authorize the building of a gravel road from near the residence of Sherman Morehouse to Wilton Station.

FOURTH. To rescind the votes passed at the annual meeting in relation to working the highways and to pass such other votes in relation thereto as the meeting may deem best.

FIFTH. To instruct the Selectmen in the matter of collecting certain claims against the Town of Weston.

These are important subjects and should call out a full attendance of voters. All are destined to help the town in their various ways if passed.

The matter of the bonds is of great importance and our selectmen have shown themselves worthy of the confidence of the people, and thoroughly capable of transacting this important business.

The framing of a definite set of rules for Town procedure will fill the traditional long felt want. As for the continuation of the gravel road, the majority of our tax payers are thoroughly satisfied with the section already laid and will undoubtedly vote to continue it to the depot, as it is the most traveled section of the town's highways and in as bad a condition as any of our main streets. The fourth count will be given careful consideration and will depend largely on the action taken on the extension of the road.

The last count refers to the Randle Mead case in which the town hold an unsettled account against the town of Weston for help from the poor fund.

May a goodly attendance be present, a careful consideration of the subjects had, and that course that is in every case best for the well fare of old Wilton, adopted.

**Wilton.**

According to our farmers the frost is about out of the ground, maple sap is running, a full crop of seed catalogues is ripe, and everybody is talking of what they will do when the springtime comes. In the meantime, the tenth anniversary of the blizzard is at hand and overcoats may be still of further use than to harbor moths.

Miss Carpenter, president of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Matthew's parish, was the recipient this week of a dainty remembrance from a little Indian girl in South Dakota, who has been assisted by the parish. It was a buckskin purse elaborately ornamented with beads, and is greatly prized by Miss Carpenter.

Miss Abby Rundle who has been visiting her aunt, Miss Carpenter, has returned to New York.

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Fathers was held at the Town House on Monday afternoon.

The selectmen representing the Town, and Mr. Boucle for the Berlin Iron Bridge Company met at the town clerk's office on Saturday and after a careful perusal of the plans the new iron bridge was formally accepted for the town.

Wilton's first iron bridge was opened to the public on Friday March 4th, 1898. Selectman Morehouse was the first one to drive over the structure, and the venerable Mrs. James Sturges, of Cannon, was the second to drive across. The bridge is highly satisfactory and now that there is a fair chance of an extension of gravel road to the depot, the old town has a sample of modern roadway that is all right. Let the good work go on.

Mrs. Ryfenburg of Ridgefield is visiting her daughter, Mrs. P. S. Ackerman.

Miss Alice Olmstead has returned from an extended visit with friends in New York.

Miss Ryder, of Hurlbutt Street, was the guest of Miss Florence Gilbert on Monday.

W. K. J. Hubbell was the guest of Col. F. St. John Lockwood, Norwalk, on Saturday.

Mrs. Jane Foot has purchased a new horse.

Mrs. LeGrand Seymour of North Wilton visited her sister, Mrs. T. F. Gilbert, on Monday.

Mrs. P. S. Ackerman, has been quite ill.

Mrs. George W. Smalley, and Miss Gracie Smalley of Litchfield were the guests of R. M. Olmstead, Saturday.

Mrs. E. D. Hurd who was seriously injured by a fall from a wagon last week, is not improving as rapidly as her many friends could wish. A slight case of pneumonia developed on Sunday but later reports show that she is improving slowly.

Six services were held at the Congregational church Sunday.

The funeral of George E. Keeler was largely attended from the Congregational church on Sunday afternoon.

His fellow members of The Y.P.S.C.E., and Butler Lodge I. O. O. F. of South Norwalk, and his many friends completely filled the body of the church. The services at the church were conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. D. Hart.

At the grave, Mr. Hart said a short prayer, and the Odd Fellows, said their ritual for the dead. It was a most impressive ceremony.

The Wilton Reading Circle met with Mrs. J. M. Betts on Thursday.

Clinton Hurd of Danbury is visiting his parents in this town.

There was a lively scrap between Gyp Gantley, and Jackie Betts last Saturday. Their owners acting as peace officers called it off in the first round.

The balmy weather of the past week, has set the local members of the Golf club to making preparations for the coming season of sport. News comes from New York that the president of the club, Miss Sarah Middlebrooks, is furthering plans for a fair for the benefit of the club with characteristic energy. A number of the city members are hard at work fashioning tempters for the unwary, and the affair which is to be held on the handsome grounds of Mrs. Charles Jones is sure to be a success from every point of view.

Rev. W. D. Hart will exchange with Rev. R. J. Thompson pastor of the Green's Farms church on Sunday.

T. T. Merwin has ordered a new Patent Bicycle.

**A Card.**

To the friends who, by their acts of Christian kindness and sympathy assisted us in our hours of trial, we desire to express our heartfelt thanks.  
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Thayer.

**Belden Hill.**

Miss Annie St. John died on Monday last after a short illness, aged 68 years. Miss St. John has long been a resident of this street. The funeral services were held from her late home on Wednesday, the interment being in St. Matthew's churchyard.

A large mink was an unwelcomed visitor to Mrs. Frank Brady's hen roost one night this week, and killed five fine hens valued at five dollars. The marauder is still at large but foreman Staples is keeping nightly vigil over the "biddies" with a great big gun.

**Cannon.**

One of the most successful church entertainments held in this place in several years, was held at the pleasant home of Mrs. B. F. Brown on Thursday evening last, by the ladies of the Zion's Hill M. E. church. The well rendered programme delighted the large audience. A number of songs and instrumental selections were given including several violin solos by Miss Stockwell, who has finished a winter's study with a Bridgeport professor, which was the star feature of the programme. Two farces were cleverly acted by local talent.

**Feminine Chat.**

Which is worse, a ladylike man or a gentlemanly woman?

Any pictures depicting scenes of war gather interested crowds at this time that would never have given them a glance six months ago.

It was a clever woman who remarked that she wasn't a bit superstitious, still she felt that the law of chance was certainly very curious.

Now is the time when to gain an audience with the fashionable modiste is as much a matter of ceremony as to be presented at a queen's drawing room.

Few of this year's diaries are still working.

Some people are only sorry once, and that is for all time.

How many of us have gone in for honest denial during Lent?

The March birth stone is the bloodstone.

Why is it that the six-foot woman always considers that her irresistibly quality lies in being kitenish?  
The display of seeds for early plant-

ing makes one feel that the green grass will soon be growing all around.

Not one woman in ten can with ease go through the complications necessary in sending off a registered letter.

The person who never likes to work at any time finds the weather a particularly favorable excuse for shirking at this season.

It was a very practical little girl who informed her mother that no matter how lovely heaven might be, she infinitely preferred staying here where she was better acquainted.

No rules can be laid down concerning those qualities that a woman finds most admirable in a man. It all depends on the particular traits in the particular man with whom she happens to be in love.

Among Parisian lingerie some exquisite night caps are shown.

Have faith in yourself if you wish the world to believe in you.

Is it a blessing or an affliction to have a very affectionate disposition?

Many a woman spends the day, and nothing else, when she is out shopping

**HYMENEAL.**

The Finch-Sutherland Nuptials Attended by Norwalk People.

Mr. Gilbert Finch and Miss Edith Sutherland, were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Sutherland, at Stanwich, last evening. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Shaw of the Congregational church.

Messrs. William Heusted and William Lynda of New York acted as groomsmen and Cora Sutherland a sister of the bride and Miss Lizzie Kissam of New York were bridesmaids.

The bride looked very pretty gowned in a dress of white organdie, and the bridesmaids were becomingly dressed in like material over blue.

There were 150 guests present including a number of relatives and friends of the couple from this city.

The wedding feast was a grand one, and the gifts were many, comprising both useful and ornamental articles of much value.

The guests had arranged to shower Mr. and Mrs. Finch with rice, etc., but they eluded them all and managed to escape to the railroad station with nothing but a few dinner bells attached to the coach and clanging to the public announcement of the happy event.

It was 4 o'clock this morning when the Norwalk members of the party reached home.

Mr. and Mrs. Finch on their return from their bridal tour will reside in Greenwich.

**Some Sound Advice.**

The Patron—I confess that I'm prone to making a mountain out of a molehill.

The Clairvoyant—Why don't you go into the real estate business?—New York Journal.

Mrs. Margaret Sangster disapproves of the efforts of a woman to remove wrinkles from her face on the ground that "there is a history in every line of her face." Very like. But, says the Indianapolis Sentinel, the average woman objects to carrying an historical library around with her.

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Some Important Duties They Have to Perform.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Kenneth Thomas, of East avenue has an attack of the mumps.

E. L. Thompson and wife of Philadelphia, are visiting friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip N. Smith of Bayview avenue spent Sunday in New Haven.

Twenty new members were added to the Norwalk Methodist church, Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Allen, of New street, has been entertaining Mrs. H. E. Bradley, of Easton.

Miss Delia F. Morehouse has been entertaining Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Burr of Greenwich.

Miss Gussie Demarest of Norwalk has been visiting Miss Alice Stocking of Georgetown.

Mrs. Vickers, widow of Captain John Vickers, of South Wilton, has moved into apartments in Main street.

Ralph Kellogg of Broad River, has sold three Alderney cows to a New Canaan man.

Lenten penitents are already making arrangements for festal occasions to take place after Easter Sunday.

Charles Stone of Norwalk and Miss Bessie Zarr are now man and wife and both are glad of the fact.

Wallace and Horace E. Dann who have purchased the Camp property on France street, propose improving the same.

Mrs. Hattie S. Barnes, of South Main street, who went to visit New Jersey friends, is detained there by the illness of her son.

The class pin of the graduating class of the Over River School, '98, is a happy conceit. The design is a quill and scroll enclosed in a wreath.

Miss Bertha J. Becker a former resident of South Norwalk, is reported as being in ill health at Wiesbaden, Germany and as contemplating a visit to this country.

Mrs. Richard Nesbitt and Mrs. William Ferris, of Norwalk, who have been attending the funeral of a relative in Philadelphia, have returned home.

The remains of the infant daughter of John and Mary McAllister of Danbury, who died Friday, were brought to Norwalk Saturday for burial.

Mrs. Mary Force and family will occupy one of the newly renovated houses, owned by Col. P. L. Cunningham at the corner of West avenue and Garner street, when completed.

Mrs. Alex. S. Gibson who has filled the position of solo contralto at the First M. E. church for three years has been engaged by the Norwalk Methodist for the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Reynolds and Mr. and Mrs. Irving Reed were guests over Sunday of Lewis Reed of Danbury.

Mrs. Leonard C. Whitney, soprano, and Miss Amy Wood, contralto, have been engaged to sing at Trinity church the coming year.

The next meeting of the board of Directors of the Federation of Women's clubs will be held in Bridgeport April 7th.

Mrs. T. K. Noble and Mrs. J. G. Jennings have been appointed delegates by the State Federation of Women's clubs to the convention to be held at Denver, in June.

St. Patrick's day will be celebrated at the Opera House, in the evening, under the auspices of the Catholic club. An excellent programme has been arranged for the occasion and includes speeches, vocal and instrumental music, etc.

Miss C. F. Baird has engaged the use of the armory two afternoons each week. The young women attending the Institute will thus be given a chance to become expert basket-ball players. The first game was played yesterday afternoon.

An entertainment will be given at Lockwood's Hall, Wednesday evening, March 16, under the auspices of the Norwalk Congregational Sunday school. Among those who will take part are Mrs. Newkirk, Miss Sherwood, vocalists, and Miss Osborn, of New Haven, a noted whistler.

News has been received in West Redding that W. H. Remington of that place was suffocated in a refrigerator car at Fort Worth, Tex. A party had entered the car and built a coal fire in a can. The fumes killed four of them. In Remington's pocket was found a letter from his mother in West Redding. The relatives decline to have anything to do with the body.

Mrs. Charles Rogers of Elm street, was relieved of her pocket-book by some sneak thief last Thursday evening at an entertainment in Grace church. These nuisances are getting in their work all around Norwalk, many cases coming to light since the bold affair at St. Joseph's church, Sunday morning.

It is now stated that sneak thieves appropriated pocketbooks containing small amounts of money at the services in St. Mary's church, Saturday night, and were seen acting in a suspicious manner about the church Sunday morning, but were warned off the premises by the sexton. It is thought to be the same party who operated so successfully at St. Joseph's church on Sunday morning.

Frank Slauson is on the sick list.

Mrs. F. S. Byrbee is ill at her home in Unionville.

Most of the hat factories are doing a good business.

William Taylor is ill at his home on Summit street.

Chester Ingersoll is seriously ill at his home on Raymond street.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Hardy of Belden avenue, on Monday.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clark, of South Main street, on Monday.

Herman Brundage has recovered from his recent illness and is able to be about again.

The Lounsbury, Mathewson & Co. shoe manufactory is busily engaged in filling orders.

Ethel Ezekiel is suffering from an attack of pneumonia at her home on Kellogg street.

Manager Hoyt has secured the celebrated Peyton company for next week at his Opera house.

Everett Easton has taken a position as book-keeper at the South Norwalk Hardware Co., South Norwalk.

Work at the Wheeler Straw hat manufactory is booming, and large corps of hands are up to their eyes in work.

Mrs. Joseph Valentine of Fordham, N. Y., who has been a guest of her mother, Mrs. Susan Ferris has returned home.

Landlord Brown proprietor of the "Hawthurst" at Richfield Springs, was a guest of F. A. Lane of Crescent Terrace, last night.

A large number of bicycle riders are taking advantage of the balmy air and good traveling to-day, the lady bicyclist being in the majority.

Electrician Charles Riley writes from Boston where he is visiting his mother that the city is but a fly-speck as compared with New York.

Ex-conductor Sweet of the Street Railway line has written to friends in town that he has secured a situation in a shear factory at Cornwall.

The condition of Mrs. Mary Bradley who is ill at the home of her daughter on Orchard street, does not improve and it is feared that she cannot long survive.

Jacob Schaub, weight 310 pounds, has bought a bicycle at the South Norwalk Hardware Co.'s store, and can any day be expected to be seen scorching up the avenue at a break-neck pace.

Mrs. C. F. Osborn is removing from Maple to Arch street. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Osborn who are expected home from their extended wedding trip the first of next month will also reside there.

The governing board of the Knob Outing club met Saturday night and transacted business preliminary to the opening of the season of '98.

Many new improvements were outlined, the most important of which being the erection of a balcony on the east side of the second floor of the club house. The question of running a free daily buss from the trolley cars to the club house during the season was also discussed and will probably be adopted.

The club is in good financial condition and expects to largely increase in membership this year.

The annual meeting will be held in the Mahackemo hotel on Saturday evening, March 19, at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. James S. Lyon of North avenue was the victim of a surprise party Tuesday afternoon. It was out of the general order of such affairs inasmuch as it was a genuine surprise.

It came about in this way. Mrs. Lyon is a member of the Ladies' Aid society which held a meeting yesterday afternoon, but Mrs. Lyon failed to be present. The ladies then and there decided to take their absent member to task.

To that end they resolved to singly visit Mrs. Lyon's home at intervals between each call, of ten minutes, and to collectively have a good time at the expense of Mrs. Lyon.

The plot was carried out to perfection and with the result that all interested had a thoroughly good time, as the hostess was fully equal to the demands of her lady guests.

Monday night old Concord Division, Sons of Temperance celebrated its Fifty-fourth anniversary at the meeting room of the Division in the GAZETTE building.

Brother N. E. Peck acted as master of ceremonies. The exercises opened with singing of a male quartette composed of F. C. Force, W. F. Ambler, I. Wheeler and E. Morehouse.

This was followed by a piano solo by Miss Nellie Disbrow. Then came a speech by Grand Worthy Patriarch Charles Hubbell of Stratford.

The male quartette sang again and there was a recitation by Mrs. Fred Wheeler, a song by Miss Louise Sutton, a recitation by Harold Raymond, and a piano solo by Miss Grace Hart.

A solo by W. F. Ambler came next and then a recitation by Miss Emma Warner, a speech by W. P. Bill of New Haven, as well as speeches by other leading members of the order from Danbury, New Canaan, etc.

Members of the order were present from Greenwich, Westport, New Canaan, Danbury, Rowayton and surrounding towns.

Refreshments were served and the occasion was altogether such an one as is always pleasant to refer to and remember.

It has been officially announced by the Right Rev. M. Tierney, bishop of Hartford, in his report of the condition of his diocese, that progress is being made in every department. The Catholic population has reached 250,000 souls, according to the aggregate census reports of all the parishes in Connecticut. The increase of church property during the year has been gratifying, and the insurance on said property is at present considerably more than \$4,000,000. The total indebtedness is about \$1,250,000.

The number of marriages during the year 1897 was 2,147, of which 266 were mixed marriages, that is, one of the contracting parties was not a member of the Catholic church.

The number of baptisms was less than 100 short of 10,000, which was an increase of 120 over the previous year. During the month of January, each year, all the pastors make a report to the bishop, and this enables the supreme pastor of the diocese to give an accurate report of his diocese. Bishop Tierney is well pleased with the result of last year's work, both spiritual and material. For the past few months he has been making the canonical visitation of the parishes, and although the work is no more than one-quarter accomplished, he is satisfied that each parish is in even a better condition than the official reports indicate. The constant advance in population, both from natural increase and immigration goes on from year to year.

An adjourned regular meeting of the City council of South Norwalk was held last evening.

Mayor Bohannon was absent and Councilman Hatch presided. The usual bills were received and ordered paid.

After some discussion the sum of \$300 was voted for use of the Electric Light plant and \$500 for commercial lighting.

The matter of the widening of Monroe street was fully discussed, and it was finally voted that a public hearing be held on Monday evening, March 21st.

The council next paid its attention to the matter of the widening of Monroe street from Spring street to Day street and taken it at length, but no action was taken.

The subject of cutting a street through from State street to Spring street, received attention and the street commissioner was instructed to investigate and report upon the cost, etc., of the proposed improvement.

The street commissioner was instructed to lay out and improve what is known as lower South Main street from Grove street to city line in accordance with a previous vote.

The finance committee was instructed to get in proper shape the issuance of the \$25,000 bonds ordered by the city and to advertise for bidders for the same.

The committee on fire department was instructed to secure plans and specifications for the proposed addition to Putnam Hose house and to advertise for bids for the construction of the same.

Residents of Elm Grove place prayed for the working of the highway at that point. The matter was discussed but no action taken.

The council then adjourned until Monday evening, March 21st.

St. Joseph's R. C. church at South Norwalk, last Sunday was the scene of one the boldest thefts yet committed within the environments of the town of Norwalk. Its very boldness is no doubt what contributed largely to the success of the same, combined with what may be termed carelessness on the part of the victims.

Mrs. Owen A. Riley and Mrs. David F. Bernard, the former a resident of South Main street and the latter of Spring street, attended the 8 o'clock mass at the church and occupied a front seat. In the pew back of them were seated two elderly women and a young man whose description will be given later on. The young man seemed to be very devout, and no special attention was paid to his presence.

Mrs. Riley and Mrs. Bernard went forward to the altar, leaving their pocketbooks in the pew. On returning to the pew, Mrs. Bernard found that her pocketbook was missing, and Mrs. Riley congratulated herself on finding her own, as she supposed, intact. An unsuccessful search was made for Mrs. Bernard's pocketbook, during which time Mrs. Riley opened her pocketbook and was startled to find that its contents, about \$60 had been abstracted.

Mrs. Bernard stated her loss as being about eight dollars.

As before stated the young man who sat in the pew back of them attracted some attention by working his way out of the pew and out of the church during the solemnity of the services, and a fairly good description of him was gained.

It is thought that the young man in the pew back of that occupied by the two victims is the guilty thief.

He was a comparative stranger and described as being about 25 or 28 years of age, smooth face, and dark complexion, stockily built, and about 5 feet 8 inches in height, and as wearing a dark blue sack suit and minus an overcoat.

It is asserted that he attended a meeting at the church on Friday evening, and as yesterday morning was apparently very devout.

For some reason or other Chief Vollmer was not notified of the robbery until about 9:20, or after the thief had had a chance to reach the railroad station and take either the 9:12 or 9:14 train going east and west.

The chief took advantage of chances in his power to apprehend the thief but up to 12 o'clock the fellow was at large.

The general opinion seems to be that he had a confederate, who may be known locally, and this opinion gains credence by the fact that the supposed thief took a sitting where he hid.

It was a bold theft and executed with the art of a professional.

A Norwalk business man who was at the South Norwalk station Sunday morning, awaiting a train going west, noticed that there was a young man on the platform who while apparently fairly well dressed lacked the seasonable top dressing of a top coat, or in other words an overcoat. His description of the man tallies almost exactly with that given of the party who is supposed to have appropriated the money at the church.

A dish that is pretty to look at is generally expected to be more palatable than one that lays no claim to beauty.

City Meeting.

Agreeable to the call of the annual city meeting, Mayor Glover at 7:30 o'clock last evening called such assemblage to order, and the city clerk read the call for the same.

The most important business before the meeting was the fixing of the budget of city expenses for the current year.

When the meeting opened there were, perhaps, one hundred persons present, which number was augmented during the progress of the same by possibly fifty more.

The ball was started rolling by the presentation of the administrative department, the figures being placed at \$5,000.

A. E. Austin asked as to why \$500 more than the sum appropriated last year should be called for.

Councilman Meeker explained that a sum amounting to something like \$500 was due the tax collector for the collection of taxes under the old board regime.

A. H. Camp called attention to the fact that the Mayor and present board of councilmen were to receive salaries somewhat in excess of that given the old board, and favored the full appropriation asked for.

After some further discussion \$500 was lopped off and \$4,500 voted.

Next came the finance department which asked for \$14,000.

Mayor Glover said that he did not consider the amount asked for as being excessive.

A. E. Austin said that to his mind the present administration ought not begin work by adding to the city's indebtedness.

On motion the sum of \$13,500 was voted.

The Fire department asked for \$3,500 and after considerable discussion \$2,000 was voted for running expenses and \$500 for repairs.

The highway department was the next in the budget and asked for an appropriation of \$5,500.

S. B. Wilson asked the pertinent question "Will it require that amount?" and received an equally pertinent answer from the Mayor that "You can expend twice that amount on the streets to good advantage."

It was finally voted to appropriate the sum of \$4,500 to the highway department.

The Light committee asked for \$7,500 and on motion of William Sheldon \$7,530 was voted.

The sum of \$5,000 for the police department was asked for and so voted.

The sewer department wanted \$1,500 and the meeting voted that the department receive that amount.

When the question as to an appropriation of \$2,400 for the library was reached, a voice at the rear of the hall called out "We won't do a thing to that! Oh no!"

Said a voice a few seats away, "It might be beneficial for that fellow to visit a library oftener than he does."

William Sheldon made a motion that the appropriation be made \$2,500.

A. E. Austin moved to amend by making the appropriation \$1,000.

Dr. J. G. Gregory, president of the board of library directors, very succinctly explained the present status or condition of the library.

He said that there was not a town or city of the size of Norwalk but that was proud of its library and glad to support it, and that the spirit of establishing and supporting public libraries was almost universal throughout the state. He spoke to some length on the subject, and said that in 1895 the city voted to establish the present library. At this latter assertion of fact A. E. Austin felt called upon to interrupt the speaker with the not over kind remark "I'm awfully sorry we ever did."

Paying no attention to the remark, Dr. Gregory went on and gave in detail the attendance at the library since its inception, figures that must surely have shown as to its use and benefits. He further said, that the library seems to have been the scapegoat of all the city appropriations. He said that the library had been conducted on the basis of a one-half mill tax.

No book had been purchased only at the lowest market rate. He cited the amounts expended in other cities for the benefit of its libraries, including South Norwalk which has a library building of its own from which a considerable revenue was gained. He said that he would dislike to see the present library discontinued for want of proper support.

A man from some part of the hall cried out "We've no use for it, shut it up."

Considering the source of the remark the speaker paid little or no heed to it.

Gen. Charles Olmstead, however, picked up the gauntlet, and remarked that he was not surprised that such a party should make such a remark. He said that it would be a mistaken policy that the proposition of A. E. Austin, for only a \$1,000 appropriation should prevail.

A young man named Mullen interrupted the speaker by asking "How much taxes do you pay any way?"

The General in a far more polite manner than his questioner was deserving of, answered him.

E. J. Finnegan asked as to the actual expense of conducting the library.

The figures were furnished by Dr. Gregory.

Mr. Finnegan said that he had been given to understand that Mr. Donovan, the owner of the present store occupied by the library, had offered the same rent free for library purposes.

After explaining the full nature of Mr. Donovan's offer as to the free rental of the library, Mayor Glover said that he looked upon such offer as a "big bluff."

Dr. Gregory stated that when the present quarters were taken it was because at that time there were no others available. If a move was made there would be a larger and needed floor space, etc., provided. He coincided with the Mayor in reference to Mr. Donovan's offer.

A. E. Austin was again heard as against the appropriation asked for.

Judge Asa B. Woodward was recognized by the chair, and said at the start that he hoped Mr. Austin's motion would not prevail. He spoke directly and intelligently on the subject of the library from its infancy and said that the library corporation had in fact made the city a present of nearly, if not quite, \$4,000 worth of books. He said that other towns and cities had been left library legacies and such might be the case in Norwalk. He said that he did not believe in being extravagant in the matter, and hoped that the city would not make itself ridiculous to the

outside world by refusing to support a library.

Dr. Gregory gave some further interesting statistics in regard to the library, including the number of volumes taken there from daily, and did not believe that the same could be successfully conducted at less than \$1,600.

Mayor Glover also gave some interesting statistics in reference to the good the library was doing, and thought it would be a mistake to close the same.

Dr. Gregory answered some questions propounded by J. A. Gray in a satisfactory manner.

Mr. P. Buckley and others spoke on the subject, after which the Mayor put the question as to making the appropriation \$2,000 and as an amendment to Mr. Austin's motion that the appropriation be \$1,000.

As he was putting the motion he was interrupted by Mullen, who in a peculiar tone of voice said, "Mr. Mayor will you please state the motion."

The Mayor promptly answered him with, "Anybody who has got good sense would know better than to ask such a question."

The announcement of the vote was doubted and the Mayor appointed Messrs. Price, Story and Wilson as tellers.

The motion was lost by a vote of 91 to 71.

A motion that the appropriation be \$1,600 was lost by a vote of 84 to 71.

An appropriation of \$1,000 was then voted.

The summary of the appropriations is as follows:

Administrative,	Asked For	Granted
Finance,	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,500
Fire,	14,000	13,500
Highway,	3,500	2,500
Light,	5,500	4,500
Police,	7,500	7,530
Sewer,	5,000	5,000
Library,	1,500	1,500
	2,400	1,000
	\$44,400	\$40,030

The next subject before the meeting was the laying of a tax to meet the appropriations above named.

Frederick Mead proposed that a tax of eight mills be laid.

This provoked considerable discussion, in which Gen. Charles Olmstead, E. M. Lockwood, J. A. Gray and others took part.

A tax of 8 mills on the ratable list of the city was finally voted.

A majority report of the water commissioners was read by the secretary.

Water commissioner Mead presented a minority report of the board as against the former report in reference to the laying of a new 16 inch main at a cost of \$60,000, he favoring a pumping station at a cost of \$10,000.

Through Mr. Mead's remarks, it was learned that Grube's dam was leaking badly and that it would require fully a week to repair the same, and that in the meantime the city would have to get supply of water from South Norwalk at a heavy expense.

It was voted that both reports be printed.

It was voted that the meeting appoint a committee of three to confer with the water commissioners in reference to the matter, and the following gentlemen were appointed, R. Van Buren, C. N. Wood and Gen. Charles Olmstead, they to report at a future city meeting.

A motion to adjourn then prevailed.

The annual meeting of the City of South Norwalk was held in Arion hall last Monday night.

The meeting was called to order by Councilman Hatch, and soon after Mayor Bohannon put in an appearance and presided.

The usual budget of appropriations were presented and elicited more or less discussion.

In the minds of some the amounts asked for were excessive and the parties of that mind so expressed themselves, and those in favor of the same, in a like manner.

The result of the meeting was that with the elimination of \$1,000 for the sinking fund the amounts asked for by the council were granted as follows:

Fire,	\$ 4,200
(\$2,000 for extension of hose house.)	
Electric Light,	7,000
(\$2,000 for commercial lighting.)	
Library,	1,200
Health,	500
Streets,	13,500
Administrative,	13,250

A tax of 6 mills on the votable list was made and an additional tax of one-quarter a mill for the benefit of the library was also voted, and the meeting adjourned.



SPRING COSTUME WITH TUNIC OVER-SKIRT FROM HARPER'S BAZAR

Such models afford a means of freshening up old gowns.

A circular bertha with graduated box-pleats in front is open from the neck to the bust, where it fastens invisibly, so that it may be removed when one prefers the bodice without it. The latter is drawn in pleats to a slight point in front, which passes under a girde of satin, made with open bands the back. The back of the bodice is cut round. The bertha is made with no stiffening except the satin lining, and it fits around the shoulders with scarcely any ripples; like all the new models; the tops of these perfectly tight sleeves have no fullness. They are finished at the wrist by a double turn-down cuff, with a tiny revers on each side. The tunic and bertha are bordered with bands of panne, than which no satin is more lustrous and velvety. The proper cut of the gown can be obtained from the cut paper patterns furnished by Harper's Bazar, where it appears. Approximate quantity of material—wool, forty-two inches wide, for entire costume, eight yards; silk or satin lining for entire costume, sixteen yards; satin trimmings, bias, three yards.

The hat of chiffonne straw, in a round form, is one of the new spring models which are designed to be set squarely on the top of the head. The trimmings are an airy scarf in coral and gray, forming great bows, and a bunch of velvet spring flowers.

Spring Costume With Tunic Over-skirt.

Among the new fabrics shown by importers for spring are all-wool, softly falling materials, fine and light in weight, and appropriate to the clinging folds which are coming into fashion again. One of the novelties is Sicilienne, a silk and wool weave with a tiny silk cord crossing it, and resembling silk in softness and lustre.

The trimmings for these dainty woofs are rows of machine stitching, bias folds of the material stitched, bands of silk of a contrasting color, and frills or bands of black satin ribbon. There is also a revived fancy for milliners' folds in clusters of three or four.

An imported Sicilienne gown of attractive simplicity in the new burnt-silver gray is made with a tunic over-dress. This tunic reaches exactly to the bottom of the under-skirt in front, in accordance with the present tendency towards long slender effects, and slopes gradually upwards towards the back, where it forms an open box-pleat, falling on either side of the folds of a circular under-skirt. The latter is a new three-gored model, measuring three and three-quarter yards at the foot. The old fashion of using two materials, one for the under-dress and the other for the over-skirt, is coming into vogue again in Paris, as, for instance, cloth oversilk, and nut's veiling, grenadines, and other transparent tissues with a skirt of novelty silk be-

AN INFORMAL PRAYER.

"The proper way for a man to pray," said Deacon Lemuel Keys. "And the only proper attitude, is down upon his knees."

A DINNER DIALOGUE.

When I entered the drawing-room Mrs. Treganter smiled on me quite amiably. "I want you to take down Molly," she said, graciously.

She laughed again. It was strange that a weak woman should rejoice in a strong man's agony. "Of course I don't care for her," I said boldly, trying to make a stand.

A QUICK SURRENDER.

Any Willis took up her assignment slip, and read, "Go to South Carolina; get a story of the storm of the 5th, from inhabitants of rice plantations on the C— River."

NEW YORK LETTER.

Sol Smith Russell is one of the actors who had been looking for many years for a good play. He has had many which partly suited him and in which the unique charm of his personal ability atoned for lack of interest in the drama.

LACE APPLIQUE TO HAVE ITS REIGN

Sashes of All Kinds, Both for the Neck and Waist in Favor. (By special arrangement with the N.Y. Sun) Dame Fashion always presents some disturbing elements, or suggestions like the bustle, crinoline, or long trains on street gowns, each season, just to excite interest and the spirit of opposition in women, and this time it is the sloping shoulder, which no one can contemplate with any degree of satisfaction.



SOL SMITH RUSSELL



comfortable, but it is safe to assume, from previous revivals of old-time modes, that when this condition does come about modern ingenuity will have devised some means of giving the appearance of sloping shoulders without the discomfort. We have been threatened with the bustle, too; but while the skirt is so close fitting around the hips it cannot materialize in any very extensive proportions.



and skirt panels are shown in a great variety, made of silk and mohair braid, silk and jetted net and chiffon, and gorgeously jeweled lace. Bands of Honiton lace applique, on chiffon and net foundation, studded here and there with tiny spangles, are among the novelties. Lace applique of any sort is the vogue, and, if properly applied, it is sure to be an artistic trimming. Applique sprays are sewn on velvet, satin, and silk, as well as chiffon and net, of which yokes and vests are made, and the one point to be considered in the use of applique lace is that the material to which it is applied shall be fine and handsome. Wide Cluny lace insertion is used to trim fancy waists of white chiffon, and there seems to be a preference for the Honiton variety of lace this season. Yoke laces have also put in an appearance again.



Sashes of all kinds and conditions are well to the front in fashion, and the new ribbons are more beautiful than ever. There are Roman stripes, checks and plaids, with satin bordered edges, and flowered, corded, and watered ribbons of all kinds. Net, chiffon, and lace sashes will continue in favor; but it is not alone sashes for the waist that swell the list. The sashes for the neck are quite as conspicuous and more generally worn, for all women seem to like the long silken cravats around their throats. They are made of liberty gauze, chiffon and thin silk, or of Swiss, with hemstitched and lace-trimmed ends. The newest of these neck sashes is a scarf of net with an elaborate lace pattern at the ends and an edge all around. They range in price from \$4 to \$15, and are really very elegant. In smaller things for the neck there is unlimited variety. Short bows and knotted cravats of pure white lawn, with knife-plaited frills on the ends, are added to an array of lace knots and neck frills which are beyond description.

Victoria Pudding.

Victoria pudding is a dish very common at English tables, and is made from boiled potatoes. Pass them, while hot and in the meaty stage, through a sieve, and mix with them a little butter, sugar, two eggs to six medium-sized potatoes, three table-spoonfuls of cream, and the grated rind of a lemon. A pudding-dish is buttered and preserved plums or peaches spread on the bottom. The potato pudding is poured over and baked in a moderate oven. Serve hot with powdered sugar sprinkled over the top.

CAIN'S WIFE.

Where did he get her? Who was her beauty? Had she a sister? Had she a mother? Was she pre-Adamite? Born before history? With her identity shrouded in mystery? Maid of Phoenicia, Egypt, Arabia, Africa, India, Or sun-kissed Scythia? Who was her father? Was he a viking? Cruising about? Just to his liking? Out of the Whence? Over the water? Into the Where? Bringing his daughter? Native of Norway, Denmark or Sweden? Lured by the charms Of the garden of Eden? Blonde or brunette? Rounded or slender? Fiery or frigid? Haughty or tender? Why are her graces Unknown to fame? Where did Cain meet her? What was her name? Tell me, ye sages, Students of Life, Answer my query— Who was Cain's wife?—S. T. C.

THE ARTIST'S PUPIL

It was the Lady Clara Curzon's first London season. Six months before, she had romped in the nursery adorned with a pinafore and pigtail but now she was bursting the bud and developing into a society rose of the fairest blush. To effect this development her mother, the Duchess of Bracerings, a celebrated beauty in her time, had sacrificed much, though, like the Spartans of old, she concealed the troubles which gnawed at her vitals with quiet dignity and considerable tact. Every one hazarded that a break-up of some kind must sooner or later take place, for the ducal estates were heavily encumbered, and the financial position of the noble family was becoming more and more rotten at the core. Of this little Lady Clara knew nothing. Her buoyant young heart was entirely free from the weighty considerations which engaged her unfortunate parent. The pinafore and pigtail had been good enough for her, and beyond a childish appreciation of fine feathers, she had treated her court attire with little respect. She had inherited romance—an affliction worse than the gout, her mother said—from wayward ancestors who had wedded where eyes and heart and not reason had dictated; hence the fragile state of the family purse from which the duchess, herself veined with spotless tracings of effete blue, had now to suffer. "I mean to marry some one who is talented and artistic," Lady Clara announced, when suitors were talked of, "not a popinjay who will divide his affections between me and a racing stable." She echoed this from her friend El-

ems had entitled her to a prominent position among the select coterie known as "Souls." The allusion to the racing stable poked at a jaunty young duke who was first favorite in her mother's calculations. Second in the running came a millionaire, son of a prosperous manufacturer, whose name was ignored by Lady Clara, in spite of its oft-repeated emblazonment on boardings and advertisement sheets. The youth himself, who was not "in society," was privately known to the Duchess of Bracerings, in consequence of certain mortgaging transactions wherein the aristocratic signatures of the lady and the clerklike autograph of his father sat cheek by jowl. Mr. Blackwell junior was in fact a solicitor, though a sleeping partner in the paternal concern, and he was professionally aware of one or two harrowing details in the Bracerings' financial history. Painfully aware, too, because alas! he had, like the cats who look unreservedly at kings, taken in every beautiful line of Lady Clara's young beauty; because he had gazed on her from afar—at the opera, the Savoy, Niagara; because, wherever money could carry him, there he had been for the express purpose of feasting his eyes on the one object he had ever looked upon to love. When, therefore, the contumacious Clara twisted her pert little nose at the horsey duke, her parent's distressed thoughts rebounded to the manufacturer, for his calling of the law she looked upon as merely a seemingly veil to cover the aggressive complexion of the world-famed trade. "You might marry a wealthy parvenu who would set the old house on its legs again," the lady ventured to hint. "Remember that your face is your only fortune, my darling." "And a very nice face, too. I mean to marry some one who'll appreciate it—paint it, or sing odes to it—anything but plant it at the head of a table like an idealized 'Aunt Sally' for people to fling compliments at," and Lady Clara danced off with Miss Raymond to sit for a picture that Selwin Forrest, A. R. A., was in act of retouching. Between the artist and Eldred, Lady Clara's views were taking a Bohemian turn, highly disconcerting to her unhappy mamma, and, during the Duchess' next interview with the solicitor she made haste to bemoan her daughter's vagaries. She has almost promised an introduction, and in the present state of affairs was duly aware that the manufacturers' son stood little chance, and, moreover, that any attempt at coercion might make the already restive little filly totally ungovernable. "It was the greatest mistake having her portrait painted," she groaned, "my child has picked up the studio jar gon, and raves about 'values,' and all that kind of rubbish."

The solicitor blushed deeply; he understood his client's timely hint—the almost apology for his disappointment that lurked in her speech. "If Lady Clara should change," he said, passing his fingers through the crisp crinkles of his hair, and looking earnestly across the table. "I should be happy to ask you to Ringtowers, to introduce you—" "As a friend?" he questioned. "As a friend," the lady echoed. "And if"—he blushed again—"if," he stammered. "If," said the Duchess, composedly, lifting her eyes from a—to her—odious box that contained some documents relating to family debts, "if then you succeeded in winning my daughter's friendship, affection, well, you would have my good wishes." She held out her hand, and the young man—he was romantic and in love—bent and kissed the thin gloved fingers. "Thank you," he said simply. "But she won't change," the Duchess said, in parting; "my suggestion was purely hypothetical. She is on guard; the bare suspicion of trade or money sets her off at a tangent." \* \* \* \* \* Some weeks later the august lady condescended to eavesdropping. She was driven to it by the marked change in her daughter's manner, by the lengthy confabulations which invariably took place between the girl friends after their periodical visit to the studio—visits which seemed to have been repeated unnecessarily often of late. "He said he admired my picture from the first day it was outlined in charcoal," Lady Clara was explaining to her chum; "he tried to copy it before he knew me." "Mr. Forrest ought not to have introduced him. Your mother would be horrified." "But he didn't; I remember well, it is just three weeks ago—the day you weren't well enough to go with me. Mr. Forrest apologized, explained that his pupil ought not to be there, had made a mistake in the day, and he was sending him away. Then I said 'there was no reason why he should go, and so Jock stayed and painted in a distant corner.' "And how did you know his name was Jock?" "Oh, because I heard him called so. You know the picture 'Jock o'Haseldine'? He sat for it to oblige Mr. Forrest. He is my Jock, now—I am sure of it; if only we were alone, we might tell each other all that our eyes have been saying." "Oh, eyes talk quite enough," said Miss Raymond; "too much, I should say, from what I saw this morning." The eavesdropper did not wait to hear more. She rushed down stairs, intending to write to Mr. Forrest and make a pretext by which the sittings should be abandoned. But, pen in hand, she changed her mind. Any such action, would prove the eavesdropping:

she must act openly and surprise the situation. The next morning nearly an hour after her daughter's departure for the studio, the ducal carriage arrived at the artist's house. The irate parent sped through the doorway, and made straight for the studio. She meant to confront the wretched upstart who had undermined her daughter's heart and give the painter—old enough, she had thought, to be trusted—a lesson to be remembered. As she swept into the room, her angry eyes focussed the tableau in an painter at his easel; Eldred by a stove; draperies on the model's throne; the instant. Her child—exquisite in lawn reading; and hunched up on a low stool, with his velvet clad back turned, and his knees supporting his water-color block, the hateful pupil. At the burst of the opening door the painter and Lady Clara simultaneously looked up, and the latter grew pale to the lip. She saw the pent storm on her mother's eyebrows, and, by an unreasoned impulse, jumped from the throne and placed herself before the object of her adoration with an air of protection—of defiance. Suddenly Her Grace of Bracerings stood transfixed, and the art pupil, who had hurriedly risen, blushed and bowed with diffidence. Mr. Forrest came to the rescue. "This gentleman is my pupil. As his time is limited, your daughter was good enough to say he need not discontinue his work on her account." To Clara's amazement her parent smiled. "Very considerate my daughter," she said; "her love of art overrides the conveniences. Fortunately M. Blackwell and I are acquainted—though I was not aware of his talent," she pointedly added. Then they shook hands. "I was scarcely aware of it myself," Blackwell said, awkwardly, "till—till about three weeks ago. My friend Forrest advised me to rake up my paints and go on with, some early work and with—kind encouragement"—he threw a worshipful eye on Lady Clara—"I—" "The object of my visit," the dutchess interrupted, "is to say that we are unexcusedly called to Ringtowers; we leave to-night." Clara's face, which had partially cleared, became gray with consternation. "But Mr. Forrest's picture," she cried, tremulously. "It can be brought down there if he likes." "Thank you," the artist accepted, uneasily. "And Mr.—Mr.—Clara began, with big tears magnifying her eyes—"what will he do?" "Oh, Mr. Forrest is welcome to bring his pupil with him. Mr. Blackwell will you accept Lady Clara's invitation to Ringtowers?" "The best husband on earth is none too good."

SHE TRIED TO UNDO HANNA.

Mrs. John E. Griffith Entered Ohio Politics to Defeat the Senator. Mrs. John E. Griffith was in Ohio politics during Senator Hanna's fight for re-election. Her political career was brief, exciting, and so far as her cause was concerned, useless. Mrs. Griffith's husband is a Representative from Marysville, and notwithstanding the instructions of his constituents, he decided to vote against Senator Hanna. Later he seemed convinced that this course would be wrong, and so joined the Hanna column. 'Twas then Mrs. Griffith jumped into the arena. She was cajoled, kidnapped, threatened, but to no purpose. Griffith resented the persuasion that had been attempted on his wife, and came out in a public card declaring it his intention to vote against Mr. Hanna notwithstanding he had been pledged by his constituents in the Convention that nominated him. But eventually, when the Legislature came to a ballot, Griffith voted for Hanna, Mrs. Griffith holding firm in her opposition to the last. This affair recalls the memorable Pendleton-Payne contest a few years ago, when John R. McLean was a spirit in the fight. It was said that most of the deals for wavering Legislators then were made with their wives. It is a remarkable fact that after the fight some of the Legislators who had lived all their lives in comparative poverty became possessed of suddenly acquired wealth.

United States Senatorship has been 50,000, but the advent of women in the political contest has been the means of raising the limit to \$7,000.

ONE TRAIT OF YANKEE INVENTIONS.

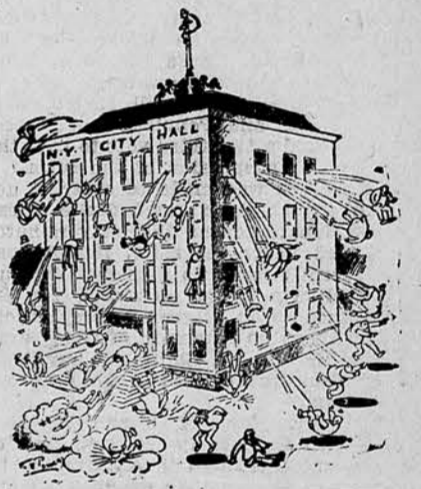
What a Frenchman Noted in Traveling Through Our Country. A French engineer who has been on a tour of inspection in the States was not impressed by the big things of the country. "I shall report to my Government," says he "that the biggest things in America are the little things. The French people are experts in domestic economy, and live comfortably by saving what average families in the States throw away. But Americans are, on the other hand, experts in industrial economy. They make money by saving wastage in business and lose some of it by wastage in domestic economy. The attention paid to small details in big works is amazing to me; I have visited some establishments where I believe that the profits are made not in the manufacture proper, but in the saving of materials and labor by close attention to details that are with us unconsidered trifles. For example, I saw a little grindstone in operation at a big works automatically sharpening lathe and planer tools. This machine costs probably as much as a hundred of our ordinary grindstones cost, but I see that it automatically grinds all the tools for three hundred high-priced mechanics, and it only works a few hours each day. The skilled mechanics in our country frequently stop their regular work to grind their own tools, and then they do it imperfectly. In the States tools are all accurately ground to the best shape by the machine, so that they do more and better work on this account in a given time. I believe that that machine has brains—the brains of the inventor—and it has no doubt revolutionized work of this kind in American machine shops. This is not one case out of many that I have noted."—Invention.



MRS. JOHN E. GRIFFITH.

One Legislator's wife built a \$10,000 house and furnished it sumptuously; another, ostensibly very unexpectedly, fell heir to an estate in England, and she, too, moved into a more imposing residence. A Legislator who is said to have been approached with a proposition from one of the opposing elements in the fight, said:—"I cannot talk about it; you must see my wife." His wife was seen, and the family is said to have been well to do ever since. Heretofore, it is said, the price of a vote in the Ohio Legislature for the

TAMMANY CLEANING HOUSE.



PEPITA.

THE MERRY GIPSY MAID.

Words by F. E. WEATHERLY.

Music by J. P. KNIGHT. Arranged by N. Y. M. N. Co.

Musical score for Pepita, featuring piano accompaniment and lyrics. The score includes markings such as Allegretto, Con grazia, and Leggero. Lyrics include: "Who sings so gay by sun and shade, So sweet by moon and star? It is the lit-tle gip-sy maid Who..."

Musical score for Pepita, featuring vocal line and lyrics. The score includes markings such as Con grazia, f, and accell. Lyrics include: "bel-la, La zin-ga-rel-la, Vi-va, vi-va la Pe-pi-ta, Vi-va, la..."

